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CHURCH SUPPER ON JANUARY 11

An inspirational evening is assured for the whole 'church family' on Sunday, Jan, 11, when a congregational supper will be enjoyed, at the direction of the evangelism committee. The carry-in supper will begin at 5:00, and the program will consist of lively music, including group singing of familiar old songs. Guest speaker will be Rev. Russell Deitch, minister of First Christian Church, South Bend, a popular and very able leader in the brotherhood, especially in evangelism. Families are asked to share in the meal, by bringing a meat dish and their own table service; families with last names beginning with A through M also bring a hot vegetable; N-S, salad; T-Z dessert. Coffee and milk will be furnished. Hold this evening for its informative and inspirational values, as well as for the fellowship; the benediction will be at 7:30.

PROJECT COMMITMENT # 2

Project Commitment, a program to educate, motivate and create action in the areas of poverty and race was tremendously successful in its first series this fall. A second series will start on January 26 and continue for 5 weeks, omitting February 2. Sessions will be in First Presbyterian Church. 400 maximum enrollment, with registrations needed as soon as possible so that admission tickets can be mailed to those registered on January 21. Those planning to attend from our church should inform our office immediately.

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CHURCH BOARD will meet at 8:00 pm Tuesday, January 6; this will be the midpoint in this church year, which is time for review and evaluation. Members are encouraged to be present; some attend faithfully - but some infrequently and several have not attended a meeting yet this year.

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ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to the entire "CHURCH FAMILY" from: Mr. & Mrs. Bethel Breeden, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Mowery, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Parent, The Robert Rayl Family, Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Smelser. In lieu of individual cards a total of $132.25 was given by families in their Christmas cards to the church.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Ronald McVay is a patient in Parkview #235.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen F. Duncan, married December 27, 1969

Officers Serving January 4

ELDERS: Myron Cole, Wm. Caldwell

Alternates: Alfred Schell, Rolland Ripple

DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robert Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: January 4

Mrs. H. Weber; Mrs. H. Crowder

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. R. J. Donohue, 2724 Hoagland, Wednesday, January 7, at 1:30; Program by Mrs. C D. Palmer; Worship, Mrs. Thos Wunderlich.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove, Tuesday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. George Duncan; Worship, Mrs. Charles Dilts.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr., Tuesday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest, Wednesday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. Program, Mrs. Fred Smell, Worship, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Thursday January 8, at 7:45 P.M. Program, Mrs. Robert Clipp; Worship, Mrs. A. O. Schell

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December 28, 1969

Church Attendance	253
Church School Attendance	160
Regular Church Offering	$ 1557.47
Church School Offering	72.04
Christmas Offering	108.25
Building Fund	1.00
Exterior Painting	50.00
	$ 1788.76

Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 4200.00

TEACHERS RETIRING, JANUARY 1.

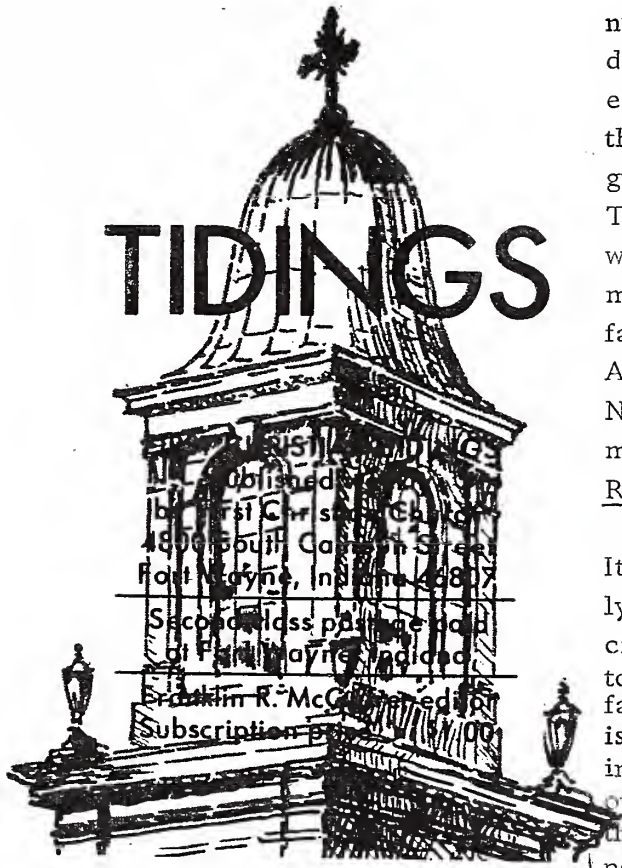
It is with sadness, but with gratitude that we report that as of January 1, two of our long term teachers retired. Mrs. Hirschy retired as superintendent of our 2 & 3 yr. Nursery, after teaching 32 years. Mr Alfred Schell retired as teacher of the Progressive class. He has taught some 40 years, although not all have been in this church. Two such long periods of service are, indeed, evidence of true Christian devotion. Mrs. Max Finkhousen began a long leave of absence from teaching 2&3 yr. Nursery and Mrs. Robert Hendricks has changed her responsibility from superintendent to teacher of the Kindergarten Dept. January 1, Mr. Harold Crowder changed from teaching the Friendly Class to that of Progressive Class. We commend all of these fine people on their long years of service.

WINTER CONFERENCE - We are pleased to have Rick Hendricks and Barbara Love attend the Indiana CYF Winter conference at Indian Lake this past week. The theme: "Issues and People".

YOUTH MEETINGS CYF will meet this Sunday evening, January 4, at 5 p.m. The topic for discussion: "New Year's Resolutions". Ross Nierman in charge. Chi Rho will not meet this week.

NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN ....

Our new CLC provides annual "Foundations" courses to give background for the next year's perspective theme. These courses are for teachers, CWF leaders, board members, and all others involved in the Church's School. The new course is entitled, TEACHING THE BIBLE IN THE CHURCH. This is a topic about which many of us have long been concerned. Classes will be for 1 hr. on Sundays at 8:00 a.m., at 7:00 p.m. and Monday's at 1:30 p.m. beginning January 11 and 12.



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REV. DEITCH TO SPEAK AT SUPPER

Rev. Russell Deitch, minister of First Christian Church, South Bend, will be guest speaker at the congregational supper this Sunday evening. Jan. 11, at 5:00 Several of our members heard him at the district convention last year, and have sought an opportunity for him to visit our church. Mr. Deitch has served the South Bend congregation nearly two years, and previously was minister of the East Lynn Church in Anderson, and on the staff of the evangelism department of the United Christian Missionary Society. Our committee on evangelism has arranged this supper-meeting, which will be an enjoyable and helpful evening. Music will be a feature, with singing of familiar 'old songs'. Any number of persons have expressed their desire for more fellowship opportunities, especially in such family-night suppers; this will be such an occasion! The program will conclude by 7:30.

The meal will be a 'carry-in' menu, for which each family is asked to bring a meat dish, and their table service. Also, families with last names beginning with A through M will being a hot vegetable; N-S, salad; T-Z, dessert. Coffee and milk will be provided.

REPORTED AS GIVEN-OR- GIVEN AS REPORTED?

It has been said, presumably facetiously, that if churches and charitable agencies received all that is claimed given to them on tax returns, they would be far more secure and effective! A minister supposedly appealed for an offering, "Now let us give as we report on our form 1040!" This would be putting the cart before the horse, although it is possible that some few church members are only reported as having given, instead of having given as reported.

Reporting for purposes of deduction in paying taxes is one of the privileges of giving. But it is only a secondary benefit for what has already been done; it is not in and of itself a prime motive for giving. It does say something of the fact that our government recognizes and trusts persons' religious, benevolent and compassionate stewardship. But the giving itself is to meet needs, to express concern, and to share goods.

The church is grateful for persons who through 1969 gave of themselves and of what they controlled. Our church is now functioning in terms of program and planning on a fiscal year that begins on July 1, in keeping with our state and national church life; our budget and pledging is from July to June. But the financial bookkeeping is still on the calendar year, therefore members have a record for the

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Officers Serving January 11

ELDERS: Wm. Love; David Griggs

Alternates: Fred Smell; Ronald McVay

DEACONS:

Junior Deacons are serving January 11.

DEACONESSES: January 11, 18, 25 ..

Mrs. Max Finkhousen; Mrs. W. J. William

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January 4, 1970

Church Attendance	265
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	$ 1439.96
Church School Offering	58.42
Christmas Offering	15.00
Building Fund	161.30
	$ 1674.68

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund .. $ 3000.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Monette Wetzel, 4601 Kekionga Dr. Apt 1. Tuesday, January 13 at 8 p.m. Program by Ruth Yentes; Worship by Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Merle Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood, Wednesday, January 14, at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. M. Bixenman; Worship by Mrs. Charles Hunt.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet on Monday, January 12, with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma Ave., at 8 pm. Program, Miss Mildred Hutchinson;.

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entire year of 1969, that they have given "as reported!" Our church year is now half completed. The finance and stewardship committee will be reviewing these six months, as a way of encouraging fulfillment of the church's commitments as well as urging members to meet their's.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The Christian Education committee asks that every family make a New Year's Resolution. The resolution we wish you to make is, resolve to make Church and Church School a privilege in everything you do in your family. Speak of Sunday as a day on which we are privileged to attend church and church school. This change of attitude on all our parts could well mean a real stride in the life of the church. While it may not bring back any of our young folks who have developed the habit of not attending, it could well prevent our present youth from straying away when they reach the crucial age. Attitude is very important. We work for things that become a privilege. LET'S ALL GIVE IT A TRY!

"FOUNDATION" CLASSES START SUNDAY..... The classes in "Teaching the Bible in the Church" which includes basic material for our CLC perspective for 1970-71, will begin this Sunday and Monday. Sunday classes will be a 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (7:00 on future weeks) and 1:30 on Monday. All teachers, Christian Education committee members, CWF leaders (including those who will lead group studies during 1970-71), and all who are interested in the educational program of the church are urged to select a class and enroll. Each class will be 1 hour, and will, continue for approximately 13 wks.

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CHURCH SCHOOL CLEAN UP NIGHTS

It's housecleaning time in the Church School! Two nights have been set aside this week to clean cupboards, rooms, etc. Monday and Thursday nights, Jan. 12 & 15. at 7:30 , have been designated for this purpose. It is suggested that each teacher select a night, then get one set of parents to come and help. Mrs. Bixenman will be here for consultation both nights.

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PERSONAL MENTION: Mrs. George Davis' mother is a patient in an eastern hospital following a serious heart attack.

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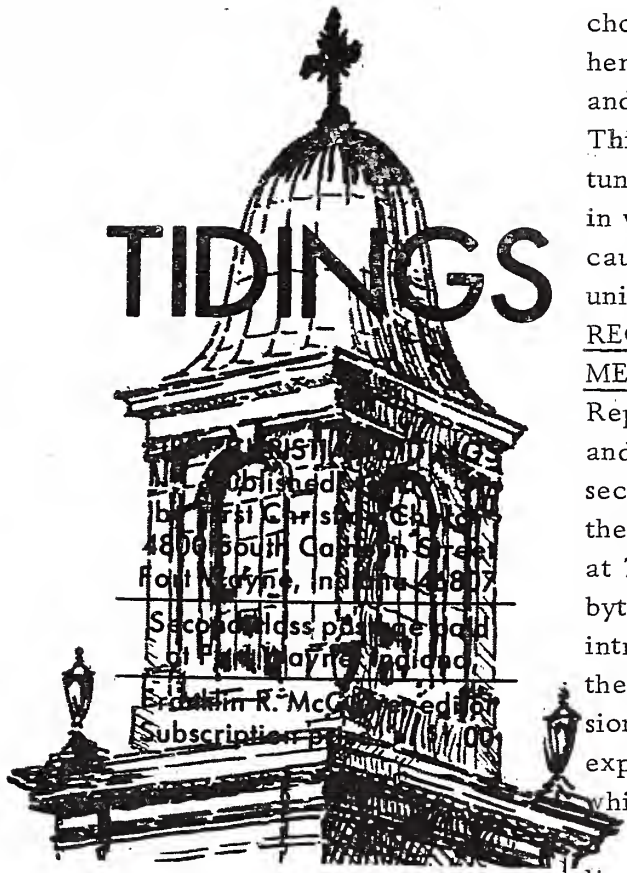
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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Members of the Christian Church should be greatly interested in plans for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, sponsored by the Interfaith Commission of Allen County. Three meetings are scheduled for the week of January 18-25. They are: Sunday, Jan. 18 - Joint worship service in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 8:00 p.m.; Bishop Leo Pursley will speak.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Two short plays on Christian Unity will be presented by students of Concordia College, at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25 - A Choral festival will be presented in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1136 So. Barr, at 4:00 p.m.; choirs from Trinity Episcopal, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Nicholas Orthodox, and the Cathedral will sing.

This week affords us an excellent opportunity to express our oneness in Christ, in which we especially should join because of our historic plea for Christian unity.

REGISTER FOR PROJECT COMMITMENT II

Representatives of about 35 churches and synagogues will take part in the second series of Project Commitment, the 6-week program held each Monday at 7:30, beginning Jan. 26 at First Presbyterian Church. Capable speakers will introduce the topic for each evening, then the seocnd hour will be for discussion in round-table groups. Persons are expected to attend all six sessions, for which a fee of $5.00 is payable with registration; William Love is handling registrations from our church. Project Commitment is a unique approach to problems of human relationships, created by racial and religious prejudice and discrimination.

3-DAY MEASLES IMMUNIZATION ..

The churches are asked to cooperate in urging parents to have children, ages 1-12, vaccinated against Rubella (3-day measles) during the clinics to be held on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 9-4:00 at school sites that will be designated. $1.00 will be requested for each immunization.

PERSONAL MENTION:

Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. William Crouse in the death of her mother at Markle last week.

Max Finkhousen's mother is quite ill in Lutheran hospital 326. Mrs. Charles Hunt's father is also very ill in another city.

Officers Serving January 18

ELDERS: Earl Plummer, Herman Weber
Alternates. F.E.Morrical, Robert Rayl
DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Richard Burkett	Stanley Cole
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: January 18, 25 . .
Mrs. M. Finkhousen, Mrs. W. J. Williams

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January 11, 1970

Church Attendance	222
Church School Attendance	186
Regular Church Offering	$ 1342.70
Church School Offering	63.25
Christmas Offering	5.00
Building Fund	2.00
	$ 1412.95

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 3000.00

A REQUEST!: Please use your new church envelopes. If you still have 1969 envelopes on hand, please discard them. Also, we do respectfully request our members - please do not use gummed tape of any kind on your offering envelopes. Thank you!

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF general meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 . Program and Worship "Who is My Neighbor" by McGavran Group. Kepple Group will be hostesses; Spice Group will serve refreshments.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE - will be conducted by the CWF from Jan. 18, through Feb/1/ Boxes will be at the entrances to the church to collect such good warm clothing.

YOUTH MEETINGS

Both Chi Rho and CYF will meet at 5:00 this Sunday. Chi Rho will spend their meeting making and enjoying caramel apples in the church kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice are in charge.

Junior Adventure Time will meet at 5:00 in the Junior room. Bring two (2) wash cloths which are alike and 12 in. square. We shall work on this project this Sunday.

CYF will see a film, "Foundations for Dialogue". This film is based on essential beliefs of several widely differing churches, bringing out their points of difference and similarity. CYFers are invited to bring friends of other faiths.

"TEACHING THE BIBLE IN THE CHURCH" CLASSES

Two of the three claases on "Teaching the Bible in the Church" got off to a good start this past week, the class at 8:00 a.m. Sunday and the 1:30 p.m. class on Monday. The third class will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. All three classes are still open to new registrants. Please be sure to come this week.

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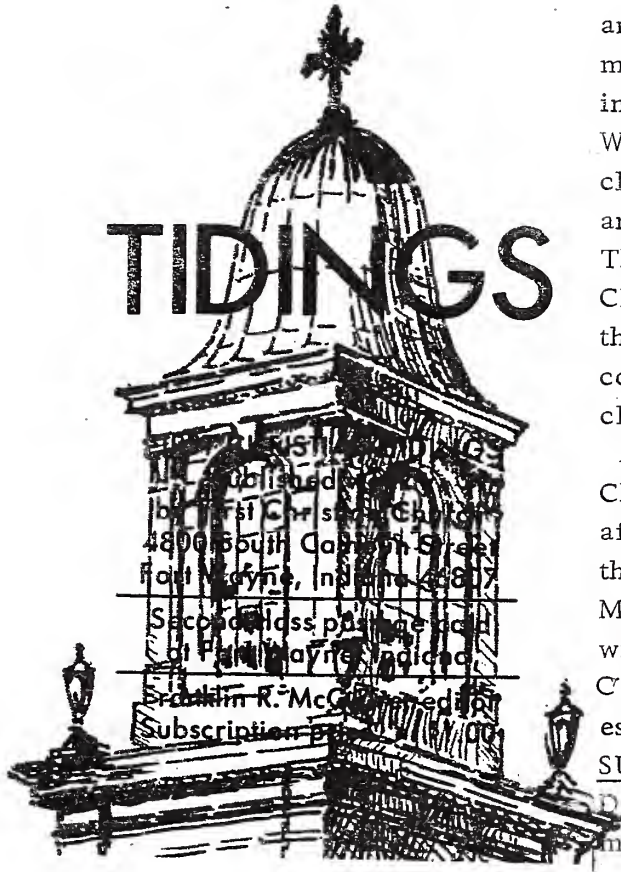
CWF QUADRENNIAL IN JUNE . . . .

It is not too early for women of the church to make plans to attend one of the very finest opportunities made available to them: the 1970 Quadrennial Assembly to be held at Purdue U. June 22-26. Some from First Church are planning to attend, and others who will do so will find it what one calls "a never-to-be-forgotten experience - we reached new spiritual heights, but were humbled by the needs of the world. "Information on registrations, etc. is available in CWF materials.



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DR. LANSING TO EMPHASIZE WEEK OF UNITY

Dr. Frank J. Lansing, executive director of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will bring the message during the service of worship this Sunday, January 25, which is the close of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Dr. Lansing has given leadership to this cooperative church organization for several years; 63 member-churches comprise The Associated Churches now, with headquarters at 6430 U.S. 24, West. Dr. Lansing also served as minister of the South Wayne Baptist Church.

The Associated Churches will celebrate its 25th anniversary at an annual meeting and dinner on January 26. In January, 1943, a group of clergy and laymen met to consider the possibility of starting week-day religious education in Fort Wayne, Plans progressed to the point that classes were started in September, 1944, and the organization was incorporated as The Associated Churches in 1944. First Christian Church was represented among the incorporators, and has been affiliated continually. Mrs. William Love is concluding a term on the board of directors.

A Choir Festival in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1136 S. Barr, at 4:00 this Sunday afternoon will conclude observances for this "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" Music from several Christian traditions will be presented by choirs from Lutheran Catholic, Episcopal and Orthodox churches.

SUPPER A REAL SUCCESS - January 11. Despite disagreeable weather, approximately 140 persons came to the church supper on Sunday evening and enjoyed a good time. The evangelism committee was in charge, ofwhich William E, Wilson is chairman; Mrs. Floyd Morrical and Don Morgan helped with arrangements. Rev. Russell Deitch, minister of First Church, South Bend, was an entertaining and inspirational speaker. Music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette and Mrs. Jack Weicker. Mrs. James Ruble was in charge fo kitchen details; appreciation is expressed for all who helped with the meal, table arrangements and in the nursery.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION ...

The church received a letter from the Martin Luther King Center, saying:"Many thank for your generous donation received during the Christmas season. Your donation has made many needy families happy."

Officers Serving January 25

ELDERS: John Thompson, Donald Smith

Alternates: Walter Birkhold, Rufus Quinn.

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazarro

DEACONESSES: January 25 ...

Mrs. M. Finkhousen, Mrs. W. J. Williams

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January 18, 1970

Church Attendance	203
Church School Attendance	178
Regular Church Offering	$ 1488.16
Church School Offering	57.40
Building Fund	12.00
	$ 1557.56

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 3000.00

PROJECT COMMITMENT II ...Registrations were to have been in this week for the second series of Project Commitment, but it is possible for a few other participants may attend. Interested persons should contact William Love. The first of the 6-week meetings will be this Monday evening at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

Good warm clothing is being collected at the church, through February 1, to be distributed by Church World Service.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles Hunt in the death of her father last week at Linton, and to Mrs. Homer Stevenson in the death of a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson are grandparents of a baby girl, born January 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Kent Wolfe.

CHILI SUPPER...Boy Scout Troop 57 chili supper this Friday, Jan 23, 5:00 until 8:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Patients in Lutheran Hospital:

Mrs. William DeVinney, 4 0; Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, [illegible]; Ronald McVay, 324; Mrs. Gene Shirley, 328.

New Address:

Mr. and Mrs.. W. Ward Bundy, Indiana Masonic Home, Box 58, Franklin, Ind. 4 131

YOUTH NOTES:

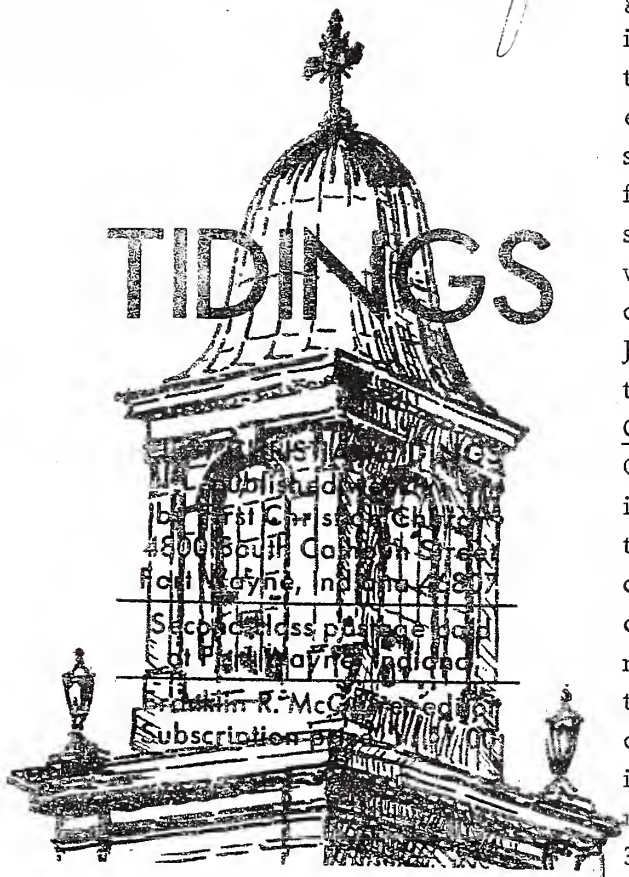
Chi Rho and CYF will meet at 5:00 pm Sunday, January 25. CYF will see a film on Judaism in preparation for their panel the following week.

Junior Adventure Time meet this Sunday at 5:00 in Junior room. If you have not done so, bring 2-12inch square wash cloths that are alike.

POST HIGH SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS will have a social meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson, 2730 Inwood, at 7:30 this Friday, January 23. A film on prejudices will be shown which will be used to spark a gab-fest discussion. Come, bring a friend if you wish. Stay as long as you like, leave when you must. Snack refreshments will be served. If you have a special type of food you'd like to bring, you may, but it is not necessary.

STAMPS NEEDED FOR NURSERY ... New pieces of equipment have been purchased for the Nursery with TV stamps. Additional pieces have been ordered from the stamp store. Wewould appreciate any amount of stamps you would be willing to donate, TV stamps are preferred but green stamps will be accepted to trade for TV stamps. Give stamps to Rachael McGuire or Miriam Bixenman.

Our children's and youth teachers ask your cooperation in having your children here on time each Sunday for Church School. It is very difficult to teach when a high percentage of the class is late. Church School starts at 9 a.m. each Sunday. also, please remember our resolve to make Church and Church School a privilege, as it truly is. There are those who do not have this privilege.



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CHURCH INVITED TO HEAR INTER-FAITH PANEL

All members of the church are invited to be present this Sunday evening, February 1, at 5:00 to hear an interfaith panel discuss aspects of their beliefs, worship and religious practices, when they appear before the Christian Youth Fellowship.

Guests who will be on the panel are: Reverend William L. Pifer, minister of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, a Lutheran Church of America congregation at 437 W. Rudisill; Father Edward Ruetz, associate at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 430 E. Jefferson, which is the newest member-church of the Associated Churches and first Catholic congregation; and Rabbi Richard Safran, of Achduth Vesholom congregation, 5200 Old Mill Road. Rabbi Safran taught for a few years in the religion department in our Bethany College in W. Va. Mr. McGuire will moderate the panel discussion, during which time each participant will make a brief presentation, then will answer questions from persons present. A time for fellowship will be included in the meeting to which young people from congregations of the panelists have been invited.

Julia Crouse and Patty Wetzel will lead the worship.

CLUSTER MEETING AT NORTH, FEB. 8

Church leaders from Christian Churches in district 1 will assemble at North Christain Church, Sunday Feb. 8 at 2:30, to consider financial problems facing our churches in Indiana. Existing emergency needs and projected plans and needs in the early '70's will be studied by church officers, outreach, finance and evangelism committees, and ministers. The meeting in Fort Wayne will be one of 35 being held across the state.

25 YRS FOR ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

Walter Birkhold was present at the annual meeting of the Associated Churches Monday evening, to be recognized as one of the incorporators of that organization 25 years ago. 33 churches originated the interdenominational body at that time, which has grown to 63; First Christian has participated throughout its quarter-century of service. Mrs. Wm. Love completed a term as board member and Franklin McGuire was elected to the board.

"STOP MEASLES SUNDAY"

Parents are reminded to take children ages 1-12, to one of the many clinics for vaccination against 3-day measles, Sunday, February 1, at designated schools, between 9:00 and 4:00. Cost is $1.00.

Officers Serving February 1

ELDERS: Andrew Cook

Alternates Hendricks Love, Bert Leversee

DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robt. Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: February 1, 8, 15

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. John Merrill

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January 25, 1970

Church Attendance	222
Church School Attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	790.45
Church School Offering	60.66
Exterior Painting	25.00
	$ 876.11

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 2400.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass, Tuesday, February 3, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Charles Dilts; Worship, Mrs. Earl Fusselman.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol Wednesday, February 4th, at 9 a.m. Program, Mrs. Cecil Rice; Worship by Mrs. Hendricks Love.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. W.J. Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun Street Thursday, February 5, at 7:45 p.m. Program, Mrs. Helen Clymore; Worship Mrs. Virgil Montgomery.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. James Heavin, 304 E. Maple Grove Tuesday, February 3rd, at 1 p.m.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. A. W. Haggard, 121 W. Fleming Ave. Wednesday, February 4, at 1:30 p.m. Program by Mrs. W.H. Imbody; Worship by Mrs. Dennis Andrew.

YOUTH NOTES

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - will meet in Junior room and will work on scrapbook before the regular meeting. Crafts will be completed so they will be ready to be delivered to homes for children and the elderly, on the following week. On Saturday February 7, the members are to meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. promptly, when we will go to The Allen County Children's Home to present the gifts we have made. There will be NO meeting on Sunday, February 8.

CHI RHO PARENTS MEETING ...

This Sunday, February 1, at 4:15 p.m. there will be a brief but very important meeting of parents of our Junior High (7 & 8 grade) youth. We will meet in the chapel. In order to prevent extra trips to the church, parents may bring their Chi Rho youth at the same time they come to this meeting, so they will be ready for the 5:00 p.m. meeting. Following the parent's meeting, adults are invited to remain for the CYF panel on "Growing Together".

Chi Rho will meet at 5:00 this Sunday. Mr. John Thompson will meet with the group. Barbara Taylor will lead the worship and Craig Lee will provide the refreshments.

PERSONAL MENTION

Amy Lynne was born December 16, '69 to Mr. & Mrs. Miles Zimmerman, 5415 S. Hanna St. Mr. & Mrs. Burl Feltenberger are the grandparents.

The church's sympathy is offered to Mr and Mrs. Clair Buskirk and Becky in the death of Mr. Buskirk's mother last week; and to Mr. Joseph Siples in the death of a brother. Harvey Smelser is recovering from serious surgery to repair an aneurism, and is a patient in Good Samaritan Hospital, Scottsdale, Arizona. Mrs. Martin Wagner will have eye surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Ray Woodhull will be 99 on Jan. 28th; she resides at Glenacres Convalescent Home, 3420 E. State.

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DISTRICT CLUSTER MEETING THIS SUNDAY . . . Members of our church are to attend a District 1 "cluster meeting" this Sunday, February 8, at North Christian Church. The meeting will begin at 2:30 and conclude by 5:30, and is one of 35 such gatherings across the state. Those especially requested to be present are: officers of the church board, and chairmen and members of world outreach stewardship, and evangelism Committees other interested persons will be welcome. Leading the program will be: Dr. John W. Harms, state secretary of Christian Churches; Russell Deitch, minister from So. Bend who visited our church in January; and Garland Farmer, staff person in promotion for U.C.M.S.

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Purpose of the cluster meeting is to inform members and congregations of immediate needs and conditions facing the Christian Churches, and to project stewardship programs for the first few years of this decade.

FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTED

Everyone was pleasantly surprised on Sunday to find the Fellowship Hall completely painted, with a change in color on the walls to a soft blue, white ceiling and a blue trim on doors, windows and cabinets. The painting was done by Mr. Leon Johns' corps of workers during the week. Cost to the church is only the purchase of the paint, since Mr. Johns contributed the labor of four painters during four days; we greatly appreciate this generosity. New drapes are to be secured, and a new stage-curtain is hoped for! The property committee, especially Mrs. Edwin Allen and Mrs. John Merrill, attended to details.

SPECIAL DAYS AHEAD

February includes special and important days of emphasis in the life of the church. Feb. 15 -Woman's Day, when the CWF arranges the service of worship, and secures a guest speaker to highlight the mission of the church; Feb. 15 also begins the "week of Compassion", however our primary attention to this appeal for world-help will be on Feb. 22, when the special offering will be given. This Sunday Feb. 8, will be "race relations Sunday", which is observed near the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. "Lent", the season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter begins on February 11.

Good wishes are extended to Janet Louise Plummer and Thomas James Brodie, whose marriage was solemnized in the church chapel on Saturday, January 31.

Elders meeting, Tuesday, February 10.

Officers Serving February 8

ELDERS: Ben Taylor, John Merrill

Alternates: Hugh Rice, Geo. Bruckman

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	William Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
William Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	

DEACONESSES: February 8, 15

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. John Merrill

February 1, 1970

Church Attendance	239
Church School Attendance	139
Regular Church Offering	$ 1244.15
Church School Offering	52.97
Exterior Painting	38.00
Building Fund	7.10
Week of Compassion	5.00
	$ 1347.22

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $ 2400.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Franklin McGuire, 7712 Gathings Dr. Tuesday, February 10, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Ronald Aker, co-hostess. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes; Worship by Mrs. James Knight.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave., Wednesday, February 11 at 8 p.m. Worship by Mrs. Howard Overmyer; program by Mrs. Miriam Binxeman.

The FELLOWSHIP Guild will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Monday, February 9 at 8 p.m. Program and worship by Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull

The Church's sympathy is offered to Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Roger and Gary, in the death of Mr. Parkerson last week.

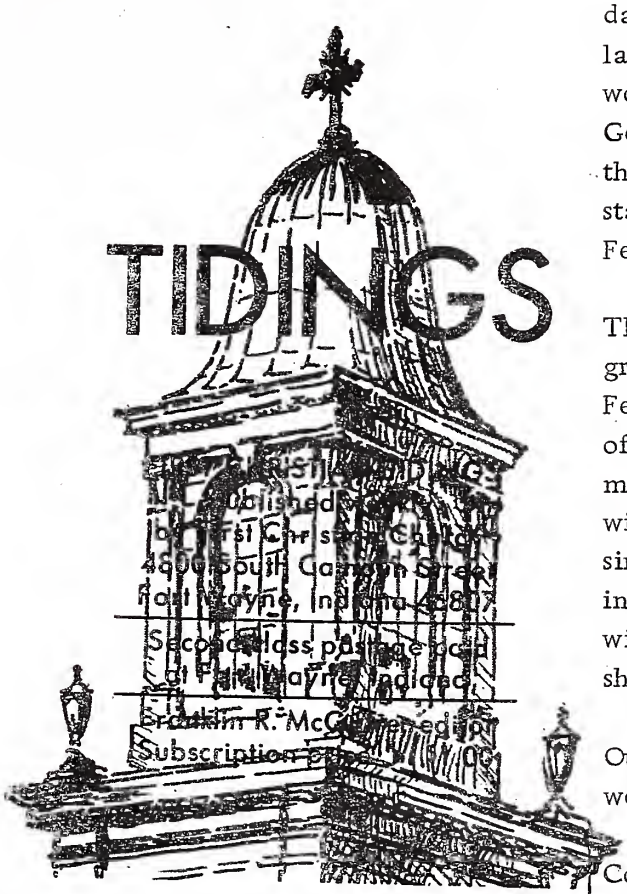
Mrs. Alfred Schell is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 807.

YOUTH NOTES: CYF and Chi Rho will meet at 5:00 p.m. Sunday here at the church. Chi Rho will discuss, "So This Is My World - What Do I Do About It?" Barbara Taylor will lead worship, Craig Lee will provide refreshments.

Junior Adventure members will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 7. We will deliver crafts gifts to the Allen County Home. Refreshments at the church afterwards. Parents can call for their youth at 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS

Many have been asking when the new semester would begin in the Church School. In the CLC, Nursery and Kindergarten study the same materials for one year. They will receive new books in September. All other departments will begin a new semester March 1. Books have been ordered. We will study the same perspective, "Knowing the Living God". Some have asked when the background help material for this will come out. This theology material was the study of the book, KNOWING THE LIVING GOD, which many studied in adult classes last summer and some in special classes. The second perspective, beginning in September, will be the theme "Responding to God's Call to Live in Christ". Background materials include the present classes on "Teaching the Bible in the Church" and a new theology background course "Responding to God's Call" to begin in April. This year, these will be offered in special classes and not during the Church school hour, since we are now totally involved in the new CLC, which provides materials for year round study. A few books on "Teaching the Bible in the Church", are still available for those who wish to study individually. Cost is $2.50. See Mrs. Bixenman. This is a truly Bible study course.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WOMAN'S DAY

Miss Marjorie Hill, living in Indianapolis while on furlough from missionary service in India, will be guest speaker during the 10:30 service of worship this Sunday, February 15, for the annual "Woman"s Day" observance. Miss Hill has served in India for several years, and had lived there as a child where her parrents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill, also were missionaries of the Christian Church.

"Woman's Day" is arranged each year on one Sunday of the winter by the Christian Women's Fellowship, not so much to recognize the role of women in the church, as to emphasize the total mission of the whole church and its claim on every Christian. Theme for the day will be "Poking Holes in Darkness"; ladies of the CWF will help lead the worship. President of the CWF is Mrs. Geo. Bruckman. Latest local project of the CWF has been purchase of the new stage curtain, and drapes for windows in Fellowship Hall.

THE C.W.F. SUPPER-MEETING

The CWF will have a supper and program as its general meeting on Tuesday, February 17, beginning at 6:30/ Men of the Church are being included in this meeting, for which John R. Thompson will be a speaker. Other couples (and single men and women) than just those in CWF will be welcomed; each person will provide his own table service, and share in bringing food.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our special offering toward relief of world hunger and other suffering will be given at the close of "The Week of Compassion " on Sunday, February 22. $500 is sought from our church, to be added to gifts from many others in this "One Great Hour of Sharing". Offering envelopes and fuller information will be sent to homes next week.

WAR PRISONER PETITION

Signatures may be put to a petition this Sunday asking for humane treatment of prisoners of war in North Vietnam, which will be sent to Mr. Ross Adair for forwarding to other proper channels. While little direct influence on North Vietnam government is expected, the petitions will impress world opinion. It appeals for identification of prisoners, release of ill and injured, flow of mail, and inspection of prisons by the Red Cross.

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Vaughn Brickley is in St. Joseph's Hospital # 723, following surgery.

Officers Serving February 15

ELDERS: William Crouse, Myron Cole

Alternates: Wm. Caldwell, Alfred Schell

DEACONS: Junior Deacons will serve.

DEACONESSES: February 15

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. John Merrill

February 8, 1970	
Church Attendance	208
Church School Attendance	143
Regular Church Offering	964.38
Church School Offering	51.34
Exterior Painting	41.00
	$ 1056.72

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 2400.00

NOTE: The membership committee will meet Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm

PERSONAL MENTION

The church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Bowen, 1017 Pasadena Dr. into membership by transfer from another congregation, on February 8.

Ronald McVay remains a patient in Lutheran Hospital, # 324

Albert Egly has not been as well recently and has been hospitalized a few days. He is in a nursing home. Mr. and Mrs. Egly can be written to, in care of their son: R.S. Egly, Box 281, Rte 1, West Terre Haute, Indiana 47885.

Mrs. Jack Gerrard (Bette) will go to Cleveland on February 12, where she will have heart surgery on February 16. Her address will be: St. Vincent's Hospital, 2351 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, O. 44115.

Note: Women! Get your registrations in for the Quadrennial Assembly. NOW! Deadline: May 1st. Fee $57.50

YOUTH NOTES

CYF - this Sunday evening will see the film, "Flipside". CYF's from North and West Creighton Christian Churches will be our guests. A snack supper will be served in Fellowship Hall preceding the showing of the film.

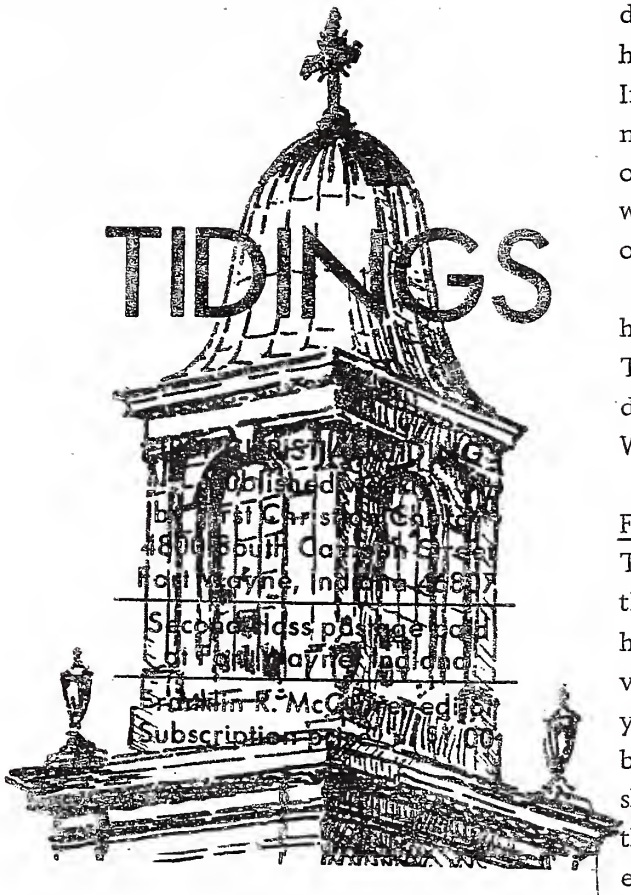
Chi Rho - Miss Marjorie Hill, missionary, now home on furlough, will meet with the Chi Rho this Sunday. She will show slides of her work in India. Chi Rho groups from North and West Creighton churches are being invited. We will also discuss a skating party to be held March 6.

Junior Adventure Time - The children who took slippers to Allen County Home found them so needed that they decided to make more of them. Anyone who will donate pairs of wash cloths of any size and color -they will be appreciated. Juniors will meet at 5:00. Children's Home crafts will be finished this Sunday. Please be present.

YOUTH CHOIRS - will begin rehearsals on February 22, meeting at 5.00 p.m. We hope to be ready to sing during the Easter season, so we need all our youth. Choir will continue to be a regular part of the youth program on Sunday evenings. The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals soon. Watch TIDINGS for announcement of time and date.

ADULT ASSEMBLY SUNDAY

This Sunday all adult classes will meet in their own rooms promptly at 9:00 a.m. for roll and offering taking and for necessary announcements. By 9:15 all adults are asked to assemble in Fellowship Hall to see slides of our mission work in India, which Miss Marjorie Hill missionary home on furlough will show.



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WEEK OF COMPASSION - February 15-22

"One Great Hour of Sharing" . . .

Last year our Week of Compassion offering was $600. The total goal for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 1970 is $850,000. Our goal for 1970, to be applied toward this larger goal, is $500. The offerings this year will go to help feed many hungry people in Asia, Africa, including those people of Biafra who are so very destitute, also for Latin Americans and people in the Middle East. Offerings from 'One Great Hour of Sharing' will be used during the year, in our own country where there may be victims of earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and other disasters.

There is need to provide 'know-how' to developing nations and to respond to all human need in Christian compassion. In this week's mail you have received material which tells of the many areas of need in the world today, and for which our dollars given during this Week of Compassion will be used.

"Your help today will enable them to help themselves tomorrow."

The offering will be received this Sunday, February 22, during the Service of Worship.

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FIVE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN . .

The Christian Literature Commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has developed a plan by which an individual can read the entire Bible in five years, reading just one of the longer books or two or even three of the very short books each month. To accompany this plan, a brief statement concerning each book of the Bible has been compiled. We have secured a number of copies of the brief booklet containing this plan and the synoptic statements on each book. These may be picked up this Sunday from the window sill outside the south door of the sanctuary.

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Mrs. Herbert Banet's mother, Mrs. Stevens, is quite ill and is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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"A group of scholars and explorers, believing that the 4,000 year-old wooden object found under a glacier in a lake bottom near the pinnacle of Mount Ararat in Eastern Turkey might be Noah's Ark, will soon be spending $1 million in an attempt to recover "the remains."

-- from World Call

Officers Serving February 22

ELDERS: Rolland Ripple, William Love

Alternates: David Griggs, Fred Smell

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: February 22, March 1, 8

Mrs. R.R. Ripple; Mrs. J.Fred Smell

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February 15, 1970

Church Attendance	208
Church School Attendance	151
Regular Church Offering	$1225.25
Church School Offering	54.65
Exterior Painting	20.00
Building Fund	5.00
Week of Compassion	27.25
	$ 1332.15

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 2400.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. John C. Gerrard (Bette) had heart surgery this week at the St. Vincent's Hospital, 2351 E. 22nd St., Cleveland Ohio, 44115. She will be in intensive care for several days. Bette will celebrate her birthday on Friday, February 27. Her friends may wish to remember her with cards at that time. The Hospital asks that no packages be sent.

We are happy to say that Vaughn Brickley is now recuperating at home after undergoing surgery last week.

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LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE

The Interfaith Commission of Allen Co. is again sponsoring the 'Living Room Dialogue' program. The program requires 6 couples, two each from Protestant, Catholic and Missouri Synod Lutheran faiths. (next column)

MRS. BIXENMAN TO ATTEND CHRISTIAN CHURCH EDUCATOR'S MEETING

February 19-22 Mrs. Bixenman will be at Purdue University attending the annual meeting of the Association of Christian Church Educator's. The theme for this meeting will be "Learning Is Living" and Dr. Lester Rampley of Lexington Theological Seminary will be the resource leader.

YOUTH NOTES

Youth Choir will begin rehearsals this Sunday, February 22. Due to a previous commitment for the CYF, rehearsal will be at 4:30 for this Sunday only. Subsequent rehearsals will be at 5:00, as previously announced.

CYF will visit TV Station WKJG, channel 21, this Sunday. Mr. Marvin Crouse is in charge of the visit. The group will leave the church no later than 5:15.

CHI RHO will meet at 5:00 as usual, following choir rehearsal. Mr. John R. Thompson will meet with the group, with Mrs. W.J. Williams assisting. There will be a question box, into which all Chi Rho'ers are asked to put any questions they would like to have answered.

Junior Adventure Time will meet at 5:00 and will continue the study of the Bible, beginning the New Testament. A new craft will be started for the Allen County Home. The Juniors still continue to need 'alike' wash cloths.

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We have been asked to participate in the program by sending the names and addresses of two couples from our congregation. There will be seven sessions starting February 22, at 7:30 p.m. in McKay Hall, First Presbyterian Church. Couples interested in attending these sessions, please call the church office.

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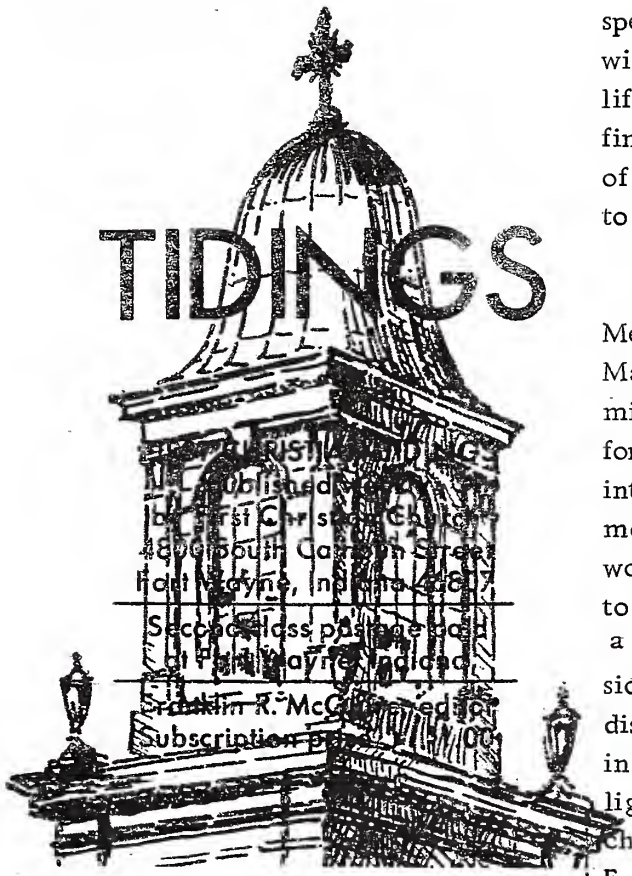

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WEATHER AND WORSHIP

More than a few persons have noticed that there are those for whom the weather is too bad to get to church, then when it's good they go somewhere else! But Sunday will bring in March, with its in-between days when we can have any kind of weather - even in the same day! Signs of spring come into view, in the world of nature and in the actions of people; lighter coats and brighter colors, yard work and lowered convertible tops. These are days for worship too, especially this March which contains most of the Lenten days, and all of Holy Week, for Easter is March 29 this year. The service of worship on Sundays will be of special value as we come to grips again with the climax of Jesus' ministry and life, and renew our impressions of his final week. March winds stir up a lot of things - but allow "the winds of God" to blow across your mind too.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The class on "The Meaning of Church Membership" will begin on Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. Led by the minister, this informal class is designed for children and young people who are interested or curious about becoming members of the church; any adults who would like such information are invited to speak to Mr. McGuire, to arrange a time. At least three Saturday sessions will be held. Parents are urged to discuss with their children participation in this class. There is no pressure or obligation to become members of the church at any stated time, although the Easter season is chosen by many as a meaningful time for profession of faith and baptism.

PERSONAL MENTION:

The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Ronald R. McVay, an elder, who died on February 21, and whose funeral service was conducted in the sanctuary of Tuesday.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Mrs. Cecelia Blair, who died in Linton, Indiana and whose funeral was in Fort Wayne on February 21.

Sympathy is expressed to Glenn Miller, whose youngest brother died in California on February 19.

Mrs. Kenneth Edwards is in Lutheran Hospital # 489.

Arza Smith is recovering from surgery at Parkview, # 234.

Officers Serving March 1.

ELDERS: Floyd Morrical, Earl Plummer
Alternate: Herman Weber
DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robert Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: March 1, 8
Mrs. R. R. Ripple; Mrs. Fred Smell

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February 22, 1970

Church Attendance	257
Church School Attendance	169
Regular Church Offering	864.25
Church School Offering	43.18
Building Fund	103.00
Week of Compassion	433.61
	$ 1444.04

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 2400.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 3, at 9:00. Mrs. Charles Dilts is hostess; Mrs. John Hoop, Program; Mrs. Henry Flowers, Worship.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Plummer, 401 W. Maple Grove Wednesday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. Program, Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship, Mrs. Love.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Opal Perkins, 717 Union St., Tuesday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m. Program, Mrs. Laura Marks; Worship, Mrs. Wm. Love.

The HIGDON Group will meet at home of Mrs. Charles Cline, 129 E. Lexington Thursday, March 5 at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber will be hostess. Program Mrs. V. Montgomery, Worship by: Mrs. John Martin.

YOUTH NOTES

Youth Choir will rehearse this Sunday and each Sunday hereafter at 5:00 pm. All youth are invited to attend and to be prepared to sing with us during the Easter season.

Chi Rho will meet at 5:30 immediately following choir rehearsal. Mr. Wm. Love will speak to the group on the work of the FBI. Mr. John Thompson will meet with the group as their sponsor, with Mrs. John Olson assisting.

CYF will meet at 5:30. immediately following choir rehearsal. We need everyone here and on time, as we are to spend our time rehearsing for the closing worship which we are to lead the following Sunday at the Midwinter Youth Meet at Auburn. We are to use the service we used on Youth Sunday, so our participants are especially urged to be here this week. The Midwinter Meet will be at First Christian Church in Auburn from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 8, It is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th graders. Cost $1.50, which includes the evening meal. Registrations and money must be in to Mrs. Bixenman by this Sunday, March 1.

Junior Adventure Time will meet at 5:00. A film on the New Testament Period will be shown. Be sure to be present so you can finish your houseslippers.

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The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz, Wednesday, March 4, at 1:30 pm. Program, Mrs. R. E. Firestone; Worship, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter.

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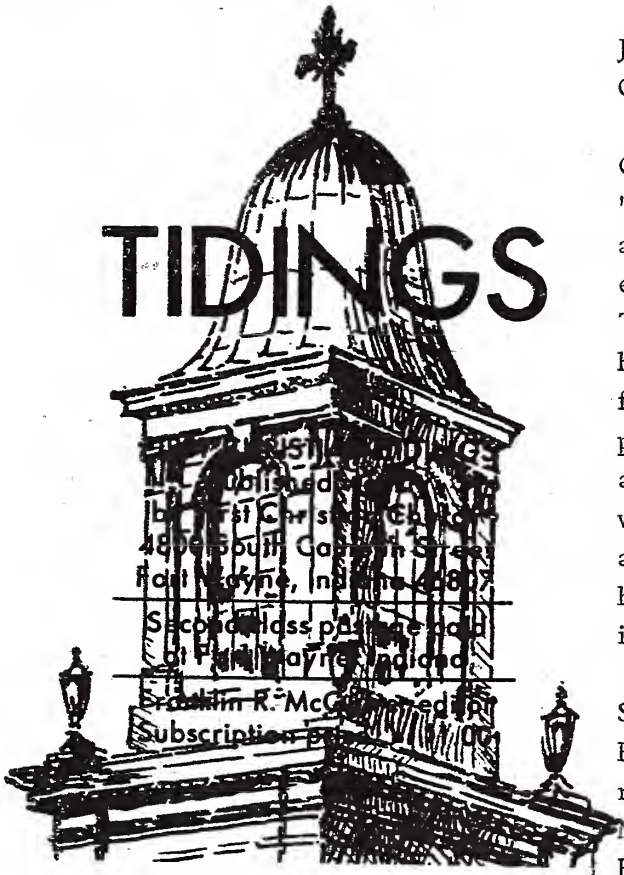
PERSONAL MENTION: Guy Bair is a patient at Parkview # 447.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, March 6, Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith St., 1:30 p.m.



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IT'S STATE CONVENTION TIME

Time has nearly arrived again for the annual assembly of the Indiana Christian Churches. This year's convention will be in Evansville, April 16-18 (Thurs-Sat.) Designated delegates are sent by each congregation for voting on business matters, but all members are encouraged to to attend the session. Information on lodging, program and meal functions is available; registration forms and ticket orders are to be sent to the state office, and room reservations are made direct. Pre-registration is $3.50 ($4.50 after April 7). Theme of the convention will be "We Accept Our Mission to Mankind" One feature will be a recognition banquet honoring Dr. John Harms, who will retire June 30 as general secretary of Indiana Christian Churches.

CLASS ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Children and young people interested in "the meaning of church membership" are invited to attend the Saturday classes which begin on March 7 at 10:00. These informal sessions will last one hour, to discuss the importance of profession of faith, baptism, communion, personal worship, stewardship, acting as Christians among others, etc. Adults who would like to consider these topics and other such as church doctrine and history, are invited to speak to the minister to arrange convenient times.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Herbert Banet and family in the death of her mother last week.

Mrs. Olive Roy, who is a resident at Emily Flinn Home, Marion, had cataract surgery on March 3 in Marion; she will have surgery on the other eye next week.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Sands (Ann Morrical) on the arrival of a son, Derek Scott, on Mar. 1.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Union Baptist Church at 2200 Smith St. will be host to the worship service on the World Day of Prayer, Friday, Mar. 6 at 1:30. Church Women United, of which Mrs. Lester Grile is president, arranged the service. Representatives from Sierra Leone, No. Carolina, India and Japan will speak briefly.

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The new SECRET PLACE for March - through May are available in the church entrances.

Officers Serving March 8

ELDERS: Robert Rayl; John Thompson

Alternates: Donald Smith, Walter C. Birkhold.

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	William Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
William Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	

DEACONESSES: March 8

Mrs. Ronald Ripple, Mrs. Fred Smell

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March 1, 1970

Church Attendance	240
Church School Attendance	142
Regular Church Offering	1170.66
Church School Offering	82.94
Building Fund	6.00
Week of Compassion	104.50
	$ 1364.10

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 2400.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn Drive Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Robert Lee, Co-hostess; Program by Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, Worship, Mrs. Robert Lee.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O.R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, March 9 at 8 p.m. Program and Worship by Mrs. Paul Kenline.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet at the church at 7:15 Tuesday, March 10, and go together to North Christian Church for the joint meeting at 8 p.m.

The General CWF has been invited to a joint meeting at North Christian on Tuesday, March 10, at 8 p.m. Members of West Creighton CWF also have been invited to the joint meeting.

PREVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

A guest speaker will be in our church for Palm Sunday worship, March 22, and for a family-night supper that evening.

The Thursday communion service will be especially arranged, again in Fellowship Hall.

A south-area cooperative Good Friday service will be at Grace United Church of Christ, from 12:00 until 3:00, March 27, with our church responsible for one period of worship. The 24 hour Chain of Prayer will be conducted, immediately following the Thursday Communion Service. Whole families as well as individuals, or groups of friends will be urged to accept 30 minute periods of prayer to guarantee the 24-hour vigil. It will conclude with a brief Good Friday service in Fellowship Hall at 7:30. Easter worship and a vesper-baptismal service will climax the week.

THE MID-WINTER YOUTH MEET

Members of CYF and their adult sponsors will attend the District 1 Meet at Auburn this Sunday. Our youth will give the closing worship, using the service they used here on Youth Sunday last November.

CHI RHO'S will not meet this Sunday; Chi Rho'ers are asked to watch Tidings next week for announcement of a special program for next Sunday evening.

YOUTH CHOIRS Both Youth and Bell Choir will rehearse this Saturday afternoon instead of Sunday. Bell Choir at 4:00; Youth Choir at 5:00 p.m.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME Members are asked to bring a branch 20 inches high and several egg shells to color. Better wear old clothes. This group meets at 5:00 on Sunday.

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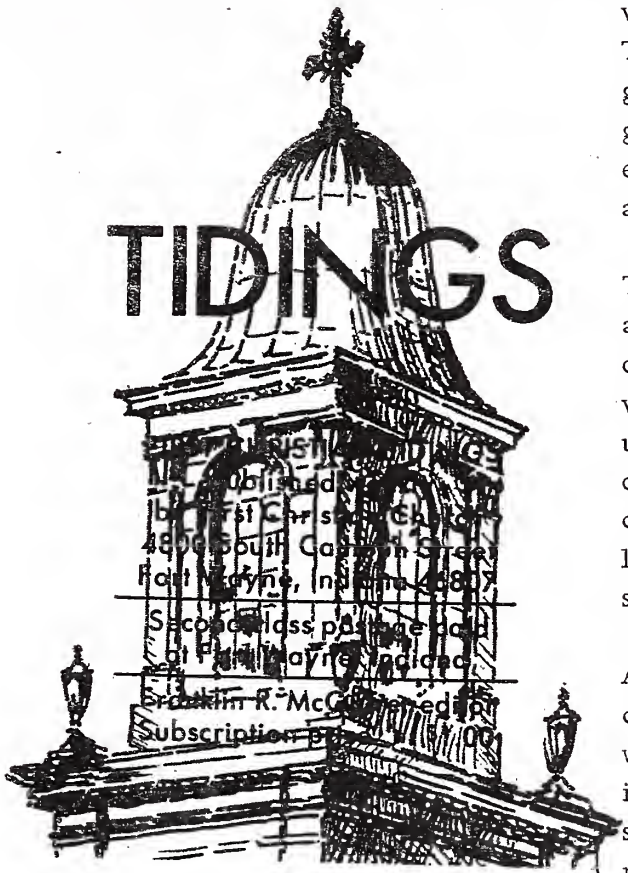

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SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY SPEAKER ...

Dr. James A. Moak, general minister (state secretary) of the Kentucky Association of Christian Churches and one of our brotherhood's most outstanding church men, will be speaker and resource person for services and meetings on Palm Sunday weekend, March 22. He will bring the sermon for the Sunday service of worship, and speak at a family-night supper-meeting of the congregation at 5:30 that evening. Dr. Moak will also lead a special 90-minute meeting of the church board at 7:30 on Saturday night.

He has led Kentucky churches since 1957, and prior to that was state evangelist for Mississippi for two years, and served four pastorates. He is a graduate of Transylvania and of Lexington Theological Seminary. Members of the congregation and board will be greatly helped by guidance in re-thinking the role and witness of the church.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

The 24-hour Chain of Prayer will begin at 8:00 p.m. on March 26, at the close of the Maundy Thursday communion service. The chapel is used for this continuous vigil for which 30-minute periods of prayer are accepted by persons. The chart for scheduling individuals, families or groups of persons, is in Fellowship Hall.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

A challenge goal of $1500 is before our church for the Easter outreach offering, which benefits homeland and special-ized ministries, starting new churches, social concern and housing projects, and ministerial recruitment and pensions. Classes are asked to determine goals, and all persons are urged to give in the attitude of Easter's victorious message.

"MISSION ON WHEELS"

Four Sunday evenings in April will be devoted to an unusual kind of mission program, focusing on Christian services in Fort Wayne. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the church, interested persons will either travel to the site of such activity, or will have representatives of the work visit the church. "Mission on Wheels" is for information and motivation to service, and is being arranged by the Outreach committee of which Hendricks Love is chairman.

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Good Friday Service, 12 to 3:00 at the Grace United Church of Christ

Officers Serving March 15

ELDERS: Rufus Quinn, Jack Weicker

Alternates: Andrew Cook, Hendricks Love

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: March 15, 22

Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Robt. Rayl

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March 8, 1970

Church Attendance	294
Church School Attendance	183
Regular Church Offering	$ 1295.74
Church School Offering	68.43
Easter Offering	12.50
	$ 1376.67

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 2400.00

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

The excellent pictorial stewardship message presented during the service of worship last Sunday was written by Ralph E. Church, chairman of the finance committee. He and Fred Smell did the photography, plus slides of Indiana work obtained from the state office. George Bruckman and Hugh Rice also participated in the service, which emphasized the ministry by our church and needs confronting it.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edwin R. Hall and family in the death last week of her mother.

Gerald Elser, Sr. is improving at Parkview #428, after a heart attack.

Mrs. Martha Warner suffered a fractured elbow and is in Lutheran #889.

Miss Mildred Hutchinson's father is a patient in an out-of-town hospital, after breaking a hip two weeks ago.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF will meet at 5:30 this Sunday, immediately following choir rehearsals. Mr. Marvin Crouse and Rev. McGuire will meet with the group, discussing the youth participation in the church's program for the Easter season. Following this discussion, time will be spent reading through one set plays the group may give this spring.

Chi Rho will meet at 5:30, following th the choirs. Mrs. Bixenman will meet with the group, who will see the movie, "Fourteen Going on Sixteen", with discussion following.

Youth and Bell Choirs will both rehearse this Sunday evening, the Bell Choir at 4:30 and the Youth Choir at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to come on time.

Junior Adventure Time - at 5:00 p.m. Steve Bruckman, with his accordian, as guest. There will be a Bible contest. All are urged to be present to finish the Easter egg trees. On Saturday the 21st at 2:00 the group will take the gifts to Allen County Nursing Home and Allen County Children's Home. This group will not meet on Palm Sunday.

NO SECOND HOUR SESSIONS

There will be no second hour sessions for Kindergarten and Elementary I (1st and 2nd grade) children on either Palm Sunday or Easter. Instead, we urge families to attend the church worship service together. Second Hour sessions will resume April 5.

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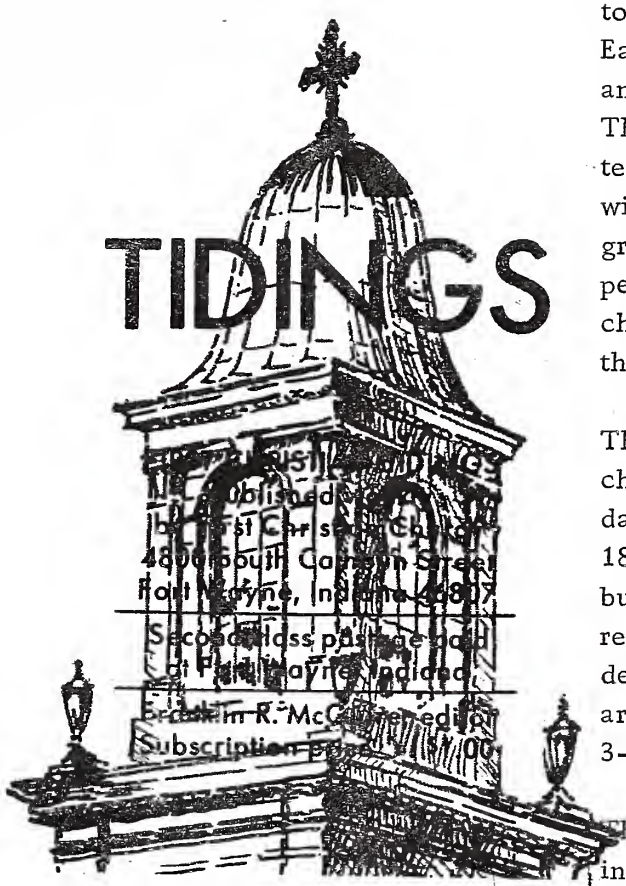
Those who attended the second series of Project Commitment were: Larry Barnes Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. George Bruckman, Ralph Church, William Love, Miss Ruth Yost and John Thompson, a discussion leader.

17 young people and adults attended the District 1, CYF meet at Auburn on last Sunday.



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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Members of the church board are requested to attend a special meeting of the board at 7:30 until 9:00 this Saturday evening, March 21. This out-of-the-ordinary request is for a "one time only" Saturday meeting, to meet with Dr. James A. Moak, general secretary of the Christian Churches in Kentucky. This will be instead of the April board meeting.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS GIVES PROJECTOR

The progressive Class of the Church's School presented a new Bell and Howell Film-sound movie projector to the church on Sunday March 15. Board chairman, George Bruckman, Mrs. Bixenman, and Mr. McGuire were invited to the class session for the surprise presentation, and to accept it in behalf of the church. Earl Plummer is president of the Class, and Dr. Harold Crowder, is teacher. The old projector 'gave up' recently after long years' service. The new one will be used by classes, youth, Fellowship groups, and church meetings. It is an expensive gift, to be appreciated by the church and carefully used. Our thanks to the class!

EVANSVILLE - APRIL 16, 17, 18

The state convention of Christian Churches will be held in Evansville on Thursday through Saturday afternoon, April 16-18. Outline of program and the docket of business before the convention has been received by those planning to attend as delegates from our church. All members are encouraged to attend as much of the 3-day session as possible.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The third session of the class on "Meaning of Church Membership" will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, for those interested in such discussion. Those who have not attended are invited to do so, especially if considering making profession of faith and baptism during this Easter season.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LOCAL MISSION

Four types of services to people in Fort Wayne will be visited during a 4-week Sunday evening program, "Mission on Wheels", beginning April 5. Meeting at the church at 7:00, participants will go to, and learn about, a special area of help. The four agencies will be anounced by the World Outreach committee.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Clair Buskirk is ill and in the Brown Hospital, V. A. Center, Dayton. Ohio.

HOLY WEEK - 1970

PALM SUNDAY, March 22:

10:30 Service of Worship - Dr. James A. Moak will preach, on "The Instrument of God's Living Power".
The Youth Choir and Sanctuary Choir will sing.

> Dr. Moak, our guest minister this weekend, is general minister of the Kentucky Association of Christian Churches; he has served in this leadership position since 1957. He was state evangelist for Mississippi Christian Churches, and served four Kentucky pastorates. He is a graduate of Transylvania College and Lexington Theological Seminary. He and Mrs. Moak are parents of three children. He is also a member of many national agencies, boards and committees.

5:30 Family-night-Supper-meeting - Recognition will be made of some church members who have given particular service, and to recent new members of the church. There will be a nursery, for pre-school children only.
Dr. Moak will speak on "The Fellowship of Those Who No Longer Live to Themselves".
(Those attending the supper are asked to bring their table service and a meat dish; also those names beginning with A-D will bring a salad; E-I a dessert, and J-Z a vegetable. Drinks will be provided.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 25:

7:30 Communion of the Lord's Supper - This service will be in Fellowship Hall, and will be a dramatic presentation in a special setting of The Last Supper, using CYF youth, elders, deacons and the Sanctuary Choir.

The Chain of Prayer will begin at 8:00 on Thursday evening, immediately following the communion service, and will continue 24 hours through a Good Friday night service at 7:30, again in Fellowship Hall. The prayer vigil is conducted in the Chapel, with individuals, families or groups of persons accepting 30-minute periods; others are invited to come at any interval for prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 27:

A community, interdenominational series of services will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, Webster and Lexington Sts., between 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Four 30-minute periods of worship, with music and messages interpreting the Crucifixion, will be presented between 12:30 and 2:30; our church, including the choir, will give the 1:30 worship. Child-care will be provided.

7:30 A brief Good Friday evening service will be presented in Fellowship Hall by women of the church, before a setting reminescent of the tomb of Christ and those who were faithful to him there. This worship will conclude the 24-hour chain of prayer.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

9:00 The Church's School
10:30 Easter Service of Worship, with its music and message of the Resurrection.

> The special outreach offering at Easter can be given during Church School or the Service of Worship; the goal is $1500, for homeland and specialized ministries, starting new churches, social concern and housing projects, and ministerial recruitment and pensions.

Services of Baptism will be arranged according to the wishes of those making profession of Christian faith.

Officers Serving March 22

ELDERS: Bert W. Leversee, Ben Taylor

Alternates: John Merrill, Hugh Rice

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	D. Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: March 15, 22, 26 p.m.

Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Robert Rayl

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March 15, 1970

Church Attendance	279
Church School Attendance	176
Regular Church Offering	$ 1361.27
Church School Offering	63.71
Building Fund	2.00
	$ 1426.98

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 2400.00

MARTIN LUTHER KING FILM .....

a 2-1/2 hour documentary film on Martin Luther King, entitled "Montgomery to Memphis", will be shown on Tuesday March 24, at 8:00 at the Embassy Theater. Price of tickets is $5.00 and is tax-deductible; proceeds will go to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other local, national and internation al organizations.

PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Myrl R. Beachley on the arrival of their son, Grant Stephen, March 6.

Mrs. Jack (Bette) Gerrard has returned home, after heart surgery in Cleveland on February 16.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eugene Klepfer abd family in the death of her father last week.

Laurence Coleman is a patient in Parkview Hospital # 350.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Romine were married in the sanctuary on March 14.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF'ers will meet at 4:00 this Sunday, March 22, to try out for the one-act plays (comedies) which they are planning to give for the church.

Youth Choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. This is a very important rehearsal, so let's have everyone here.

There will be no regular youth meetings at 5:30 this Sunday. Instead, youth are urged to come to the all church fellowship dinn er with their families.

THE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

We are pleased to announce that Susan Love and Melanie McGuire are the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Christi an Education committee. The girls wrote essays on some plase of the work of the United Nations, having done considerable research on their particular topic beforehand. The essays were writ= ten by our high school juniors and seniors in competition for scholarship help from the church and from CYF toward going on the United Nations Seminar in New York and Washington D.C. which our denomination sponsors each year. The girls will leave Indianapolis March 30, returning a week later. They will go by bus with other youth and adult sponsors from Indiana. They will have opportunity to interview delegates to the U.N., see portions of that organization in action and visit with Indiana congressmen in Washington. Contest judges, none of whom knew who had written any essay until after their decision was in, were Hugh Rice, Jack Weicker, and David Griggs.

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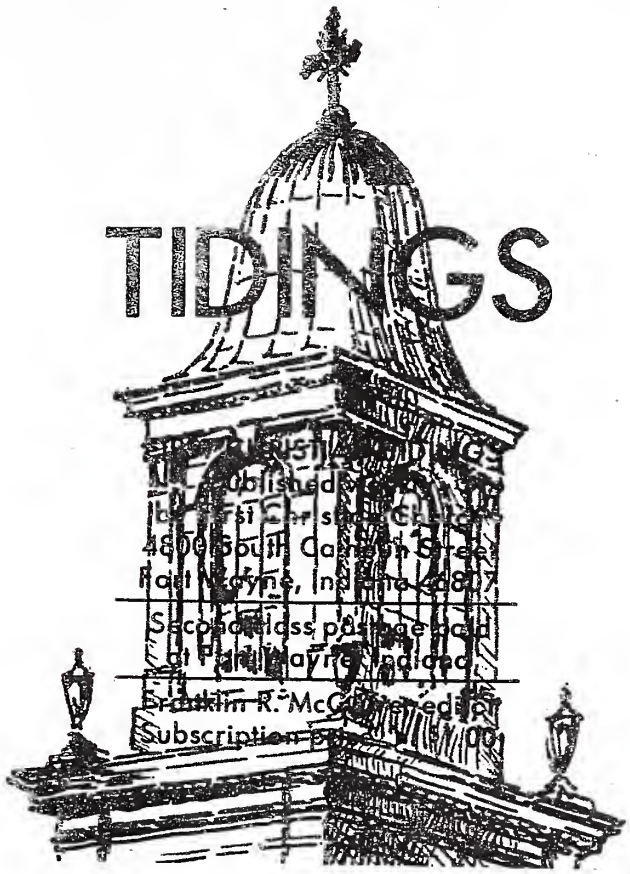
Junior Adventure Time . This group will meet at the church , Saturday at 2:00 and will deliver gifts to the Homes. Parents may meet their children shortly before 4 p.m. There will be no meeting Sunday night.



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION
Thursday, 7:30
in Fellowship Hall
(followed by
Service of Baptism)

CHAIN OF PRAYER
Thursday, 8:00 - Friday, 7:30
in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
12:00 - 3:00
Grace United Church of Christ
(Webster and Lexington)
and ~~7:00~~ 7:30
in Fellowship Hall

EASTER SUNDAY
9:00
Church School
(Offering Goal: $1500.00)
10:30
Easter Service of Worship

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EASTER

"The greatest reality in all of life is the fact of the living Christ.
Thus we, his disciples in this day, have come to hold Easter as the most important day of the Christian year.
For it is at Easter that we celebrate the greatest news of all the centuries.
Christ, who can transform our lives, lives and walks the roads of life each day with all who need his company.
We meet him in our moments of deep meditation.
We talk with him in prayer.
He confronts us as we make our decisions in life, whether they be in the classroom, in our homes, in our recreation, or in our business.
Christ has overcome the world and has revealed life in its deepest sense to all his followers.
Thus we come to see its true meaning, its purposes, its hopes, and its victories.
The Christian's Easter joy comes from knowing in one's heart that he has 'seen' Jesus.
We experience anew the reality of the resurrection and declare to the world, "I have seen the Lord'."

Officers Serving March 29

ELDERS: George Bruckman,
Herman Weber

Alternates: Myron Cole, Wm. Caldwell

DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robert Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

AND JUNIOR DEACONS!

DEACONS serving THURSDAY NIGHT

Thomas Frappier	Wm. Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
Wm. Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	

DEACONESSES: March 26 p.m. 29.
Mrs. Glenn Miller; Mrs. Robert Rayl

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March 22, 1970

Church Attendance	303
Church School Attendance	191
Regular Church Offering	$ 1671.44
Church School Offering	65.08
Building Fund	12.00
Easter Offering	60.00
	$ 1758.52

CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER GOALS:

Friendly Class	$ 30.00
Progressive Class	100.00
Come Double	100.00
Berean Class	50.00
'58 Class	55.00
Youth I	15.00
Youth II	4.00
Youth III	15.00
Third Grade	10.00
Kindergarten	5.00
Nursery	1.50

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 2400.00

Easter symbols are an egg or a butterfly both being significant of wonderful changes, from death to life, from stagnation to motion, from darkness to light and color and beauty. These are what immortality means.

BIBLES PRESENTED

As one feature of the family night program last Sunday, Bibles were presented to Mrs. James Hirschy for her 30 yrs. service in our Nursery Department of the Church School and to Alfred Schell for his 40 years service as a teacher of adult Church School classes. Both Mrs. Hirschy and Mr. Schell have recently retired from these posts.

Also, our thanks to Mr. Alfred Schell who has prepared a beautiful small book let for distribution to visitors and guests.

CYF members will meet at the Church at 6:45 Good Friday to go to the community service at Simpson Methodist.

Junior Adventure Time will not meet Easter Sunday evening.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

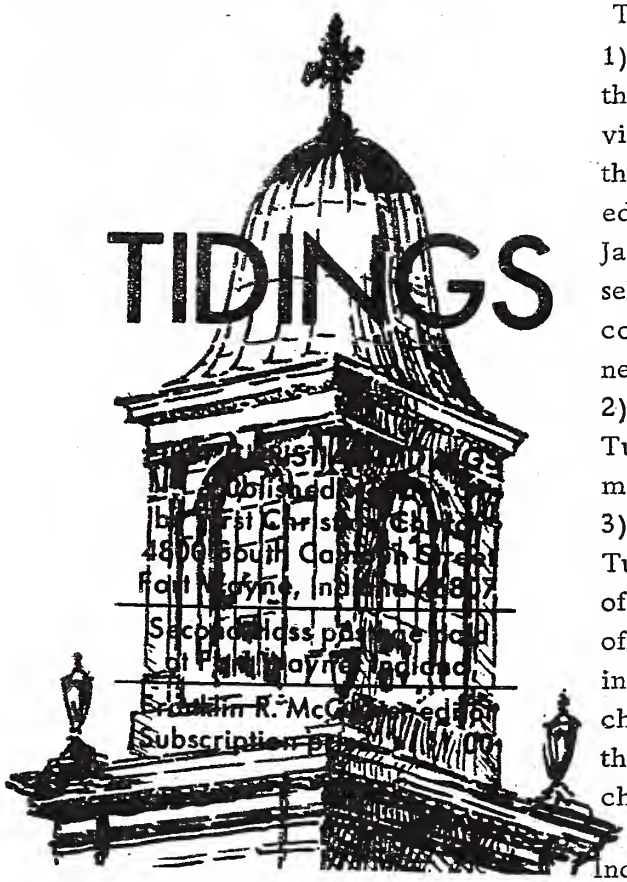
The DYE Group will meet at the church April 1, at 1:30 p.m. Hostesses: Mrs. Dennis Andrew, Mrs. E.N. Schlatter, and Mrs. Elna Taylor. Program by Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich, Worship by Mrs. V. Brickley. Members are asked to bring their Blessing Box offering and also reminded of bake sale.

The NELSON Group have beautiful all occasion GIFT PAPER & RIBBON for sale. Anyone interested may contact Mrs. Russell Wortley (747-0905) group president, or any member of the group.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. John Martin, 4420 Kekionga Dr. Apt. 3, Thursday, evening, April 2, 7:45. Mrs. Paul Truby, program; Mrs. Irene Cline, worship.

PERSONAL MENTION

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Guy M. Abbott, in the death of Mr. Abbott last week at Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are former members and both were active in our choir. Mrs. Abbott serving as director of music.



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THREE IMPORTANT MEETINGS .....

1) A brief CONGREGATIONAL MEETING this Sunday, April 5, following the service of worship to name two members to the nominating committee. Two appointed by the board are Floyd Morrical and James Ruble. These persons, plus one they select, will nominate elders, deacons, deaconesses and officers of the board for the new terms beginning July 1.

2) ELDERS of the church will meet on Tuesday evening, April 7, at 7:30. Herman Weber, is chairman.

3) The CHURCH CABINET will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 8:00 P.M. Officers of the board, committee chairman and officers of organizations comprise the Cabinet, which projects program for the church. The ELDERS are invited to meet with the Cabinet for this meeting. The entire church board will NOT meet this month.

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Indiana Assembly will meet at Evansville April 16, 17, 18

"MISSION ON WHEELS"

The first round of our "Mission on Wheels" will be this Sunday evening, April 5, meeting at the church at 7:00 before traveling to one of the local agencies thru which help is available to persons with special needs or where self-help is channeled. Objectives of the tours, one each Sunday night in April, is to visit the facility, become acquainted with personnel, learn of needs for service and kinds of services rendered, and to discover what the church and/or individuals may do to cooperate with the agency. This Sunday, we will visit the Associated Churches and hear from Dr. Frank Lansing, executive director, the story of the origin, program and functions of this inter-church organization of which we are a member-congregation. The building will be toured, and the multi-faceted work of Associated Churches explained, such as week-day religious education, migrant work, special services, audio-visuals, inter-faith relationships, etc.

Any number of persons may participate in this 'Mission on Wheels' series, by meeting at the church for brief orientation, then going to the location for the day by 7:30 for a 60 minute session. All age levels are included. Cooperative transportation arrangements can be made each evening. This is opportunity to make more real the words of the Risen Jesus: "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem (Fort Wayne) and in all Judea (Indiana) and Samaria (the nation) and to the end of the earth".

Officers Serving April 5

ELDERS: Alfred Schell, Rolland Ripple

Alternates: William Love, David Griggs

DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robert Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: April 5

Mrs. Helen Clymore; Mrs. Geo. Bruckman

March 29, 1970

Church attendance	470
Church School Attendance	206
Regular Church Offering	$ 1029.26
Church School Offering	426.58
Easter Offering	359.60
	$ 1817.58

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $ 2400.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

Reminder: All Groups are requested to gather their Blessing Box Offerings. They will be dedicated at Leadership Training Institute at Kendallville, May 7.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Hendricks Love, 4910 Bowser, on Wednesday, April 8, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth; Worship, Mrs. Cecil Rice. Bring your Blessing Box Offerings.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 7430 US #24, West. Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Herman Weber; Worship, Mrs. Geo. Bruckman.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Love, 341 W. Maple Grove, Tuesday, April 7, at 1:00 PM. Program Mrs. Love; Worship, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell

The NELSON Group will meet Wednesday April 8. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Mrs. Donald Davenport, co-hostesses. Program Mrs. Don Parlette; Worship by Mrs. Jack Sauerwein.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho will have a skating party Friday, April 3, at the Roller Dome. Youth who live in the south half of town are to meet at the church at 6:45 pm. to go to the Dome. Those on the North side are to meet us at the Dome near the door. If we enter as a group, the cost is 75¢ per person, plus 50¢ for skates for those who do not have their own. We will skate from 7:15-9:15, and then go to Northside Atz for dutch treat afterward. This party is for ChiRhos and their families.

CYF will meet at 5:00 in the Church Parlor. We will see the movie, "Am I a Phony?" and discuss responsibilities of those not taking part in the plays and select a date for the plays.

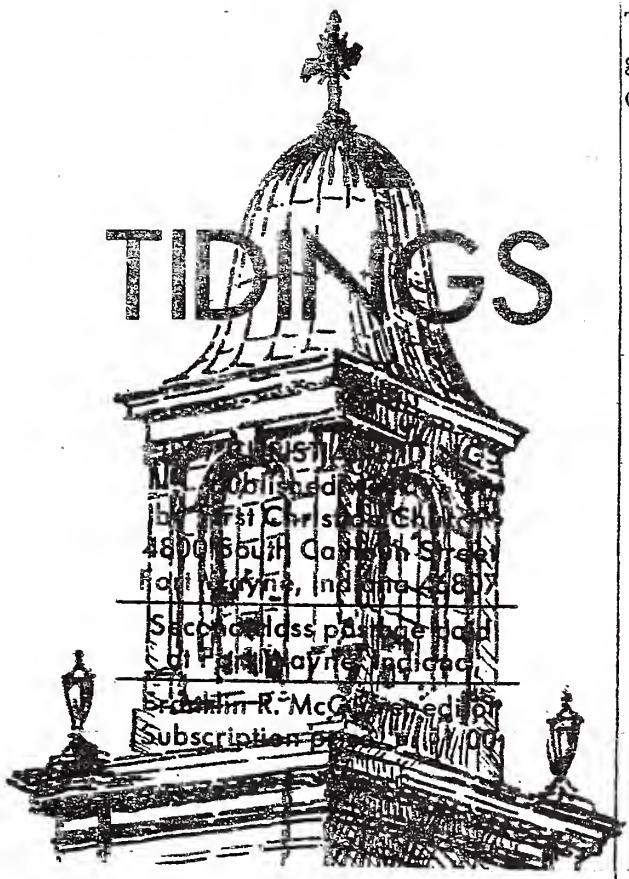
Junior Adventure Time will meet Sunday at 5:00. Bring a small sized Rolled Oats box for craft. For study, we will consider which characters you wish to choose for making puppets. You may work together or singly on stories for the puppets.

PERSONAL MENTION

Baptized Thursday evening following the Communion service were: Michael Stone son of Mr. &Mrs. Bruce Stone; Mark Lehman, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Lehman, and Mrs. Bethel Breeden.

Susan Love and Melanie McGuire left on March 30 from Indianapolis with 32 other youth and 5 adults on the International Affairs Youth Seminar to New York and Washington. They return on April 7.

Our Youth Choir sang at the south-area Good Friday Service at Grace United Church of Christ; Don Parlette, directing and Mrs. Parlette accompanying. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Hugh Rice presented the message for one period of worship.



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CHRISTIAN UNION

Christian Churches, which originated largely out of the plea for Christian union, surely will observe Sunday April 12, to recognize the Consultation on Church Union. Nine cooperating communions, including the Christian Church, arrived at a plan of union in March, to be studied for 2 years before revision or adoption. The two primary officers of the Consultation now are Disciples: Dr. Paul Crow, formerly at Lexington Theological Seminary, is its executive secretary, and Dr. George Beasley, secretary of our Council on Christian Unity, is general chairman for a 2-year term. Several other leaders from the Christian Church have been active participants, including Dr. Fiers, Dr. Osborn, Paul Stauffer and [illegible] eggett from Ind..

"MISSION ON WHEELS"

This week our "Mission on Wheels" group will visit one of the Day Care Centers operated in the inner city by Neighbors, Inc. This will be the Margaret Smith Center. We will meet at the church at 7:00 for a brief orientation, then go in a group to the center, where Miss Gloria Wilson, one of the executive directors of Neighbors, Inc., will discuss with us the work of this organization, and how we can help in it. Each Church School class is asked to gather together at least one carload of people to go with us this week, so that knowledge can easily be disseminated through the church. Everyone is welcome and cordially invited. Come, even if you do not have transportation. There will be plenty for everyone.

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"I HAVE A DREAM" Project Commitment, Series III for the Fort Wayne area will be held April 27 - May 25, at Zion Lutheran Church at Hanna and Creighton Avenue. Registrations must be mailed by April 19, 1970, to Project Commitment, 6430 U.S. # 24 West, 46804. The series is for men, women and youth, Leaders of congregations or the Community. They will be on the five Monday nights from 7:30 - 10:00. Brochures and registration cards are available.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. Albert Powell and family in the recent death of Mr. Powell's father Memorial services were held in Howe, Indiana last Saturday.

Mr. Gene [illegible]ser is a patient in #350 Parkview Hospital.

Officers Serving April 12

ELDERS: Fred Smell; Herman Weber
Alternate: Earl Plummer
DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	William Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
William Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: April 12, 19, 26
Mrs. E.R. Allen; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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April 5, 1970

Church Attendance	235
Church School Attendance	191
Regular Church Offering	$ 1461.60
Church School Offering	57.36
Easter Offering	52.00
Building Fund offering	34.05
	$ 1605.01

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane, Monday, April 13 at 8 p.m. Program, Mrs. Owen Vaught. Members are reminded to bring their Blessing Box offerings.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood, Tuesday, April 14 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Carl Lazzaro, co-hostess. Program by Mrs. Franklin McGuire, who will tell of her experiences while living in India; Worship, Mrs. Paul Yentes. There will be a Dutch Maid party.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Our sympathy is extended to Miss Pearl Heidecker in the recent death of her brother. Memorial services were held last Monday.

YOUTH NOTES

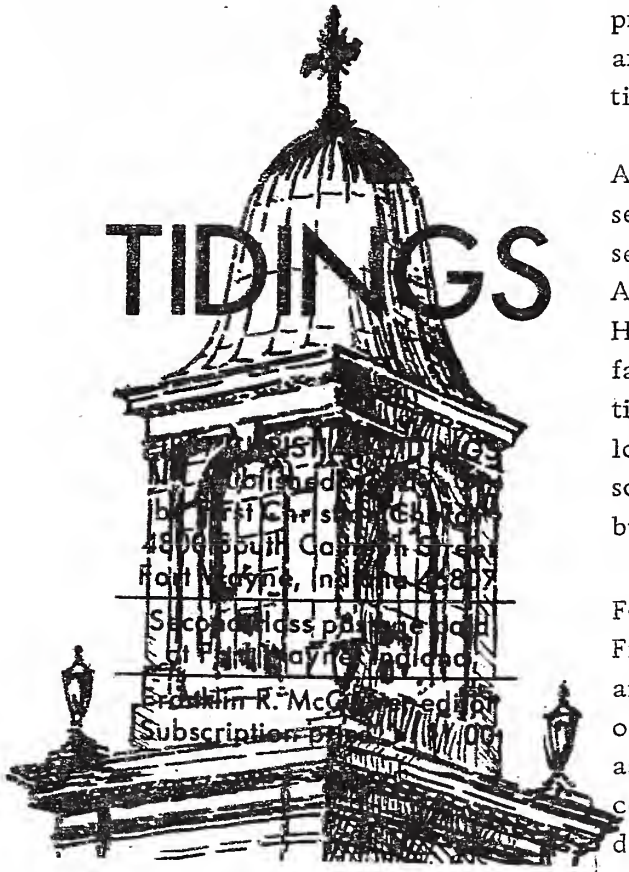
CYF: This Sunday, CYF members are asked to bring clothes to change and remain at the church following the Morning worship service. We will get our lunch and bring it here or you may bring a sack lunch from home, and will spend the rest of the afternoon working on scenery for our plays. All three plays will be rehearsed during the regular CYF hour, 5:30 - 6:30.

CHI RHO members will meet Sunday from 5:30 -6:30. We will have a Bible and Resource Exploration, led by Mrs. Bixenman. Doug Olson will be in charge of recreation, Barb Taylor of worship; Waller McGuire, refreshments.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME Bring clothing for your Bible characters to wear. Also, bring nylon hose or cotton, etc., to stuff the puppets.

Bell Choir will rehearse Sunday at 4:30; Youth Choir at 5:00.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE HELP NEEDED: This year and each year in future we will need adult counselors for camps and conferences in Indiana if we are to be allowed to send young people to these events. Two additional years have been added to spread of ages that will be served by camps and conferences, so more help will be needed. There will be camps at Barbee for those who will complete 4th, 5th, & 6th grades, during the weeks of June 29-July4; July 6-11; July 13-18 (called Camps 456). Conferences for Junior Highs (those completing grades 7 & 8) will be June 15-20; July 20-25; July 27-Aug. 1; Aug. 17-22 at Barbee (called Conference 78). Conferences for Senior Highs (those completing grades 9-11) at Barbee June 21-27; Aug. 2-8; Aug. 9-15. Help is needed for all of these. Those who would be willing to give a week this summer for one of these events, please contact Mrs. Bixenman at once. REMEMBER, WE MUST SEND ADULTS IN ORDER TO SEND YOUTH!.



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3rd "MISSION ON WHEELS": King Center

The Martin Luther King Center, 1127 Maumee Avenue, will be the third local agency to visit during the church's 4-wk "Mission on Wheels" program. All persons are urged to meet at the church at 7:00 this Sunday evening, then go together to the Center; Dismissal is by 8:30. The Martin Luther King Center opened in June 1968, to serve the needs of people in the East Central neighborhood. It is also a bridge of communication between the black and white communities. The Center is a meeting place to carry out some programs. A staff of workers, primarily volunteers, is headed by Mrs. Roland, the director. One area of service is an employment agency; another is

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housing information. A food distribution program was conducted at Thanksgiving and Christmas, in which our church participated.

PROJECT COMMITMENT III

After successful meetings in the first two series of Project Commitment, the third series of 5 sessions will begin on Monday April 27, at 7:30 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hanna and Creighton Ave. The inter-faith, inter-racial program of informative addresses and group discussions on local problems is for any interested persons. Registrations ($5.00) must be in by April 19.

STATE CONVENTION 1973

Following a request received last week, First Christian Church agreed to extend an invitation to the Indiana Association of Christian Churches to hold its 1973 assembly in Fort Wayne. This year's convention will be in progress this Thursday through Friday at Evansville. The church office will be closed during these days.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Names to the nominating committee for this year are: Floyd Morrical, Dr. James Ruble, Herman Weber, Ray Fredericks and Mrs. Edwin Allen. The committee has begun its work, but anyone having a name to suggest because of particular qualifications for elder, deacon, deaconess or church officer, may contact one of these committee members.

BOY SCOUT SUPPER: Date of the supper has been changed to Friday, May 1, instead of April 17.

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Mr. Ralph Peynolds is in Rm, 551, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Henry is in room 458 Lutheran Hospital.

Officers Serving April 19

ELDERS: Floyd Morrical; Robert Rayl

Alternates: John Thompson, Donald C. Smith.

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: April 19, 26

Mrs. E. R. Allen; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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April 12, 1970

Church Attendance	273
Church School Attendance	180
Regular Church Offering	1596.90
Church School Offering	63.21
Building Fund	14.00
	$ 1674.11

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

CWF general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 pm. Program and worship by Higdon Group; "Where Does My Money Go?" Spice Group will serve as hostesses; Dye Group will serve refreshments. A dedication service will be held for Blessing Box Offerings.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE: During recent summers, the Sunday schedule has been changed. The worship committee desires to soon make recommendations for this summer. To better meet the wishes of the congregation, a response from members is sought as to preference of time. Members are asked to put in writing and include with their offering this Sunday, April 19, preferences of time for church school and service of worship. Ideas include: 9:00-9:50, church school, 10:00-11:00, worship; chapel service at 8:00, church school at 9:00, worship service at 10:00; keeping present schedule; a Sunday evening service, or mid-week service, to reach those away on Sunday.

YOUTH NOTES

Bell Choir will rehearse Sunday at 4:30, and the Youth Choir will rehears at 5:00. Mr. Parlette is most anxious to have all choir members present so that we may play and sing again in church before summer.

ChiRho and CYF will have regular meetings this Sunday at 5:30. CYF will work on their one-act plays and Chi Rho will have Mr. William Love as their guest, telling them of the work of the FBI.

The Junior Adventure Time members are reuqested to wear old clothing for spray painting during crafts. For study they are asked to read about their chosen character in the Bible; then plan a simple story or play with conversation from your study.

HELP WANTED

The Christian Education department is in need of several items of equipment. The items we are currently interested in can all be made. These include: bulletin board, shelves, easels, cupboard. Our need is to secure one or more men who would give a few hours time in making some of these items, if we provide the materials. If you could help in this way, please contact Ross Nierman (639-3896) or Miriam Bixenman.

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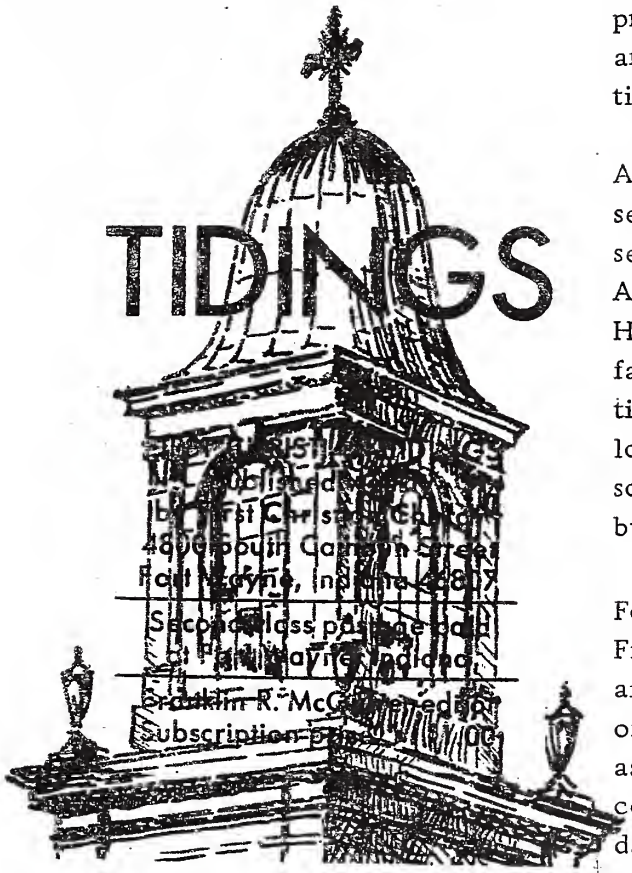
PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Rena Giannakeff, 1903 Choctimar Trail, made her profession of faith April 5; a service of baptism is to be arranged. We also welcome Mr. & Mrs. Louis Chasar 6141 S. Callcott, who placed membership in our church April 12. Mr. Chasar is associated with Kresge's, and Mrs. Chasar will teach at Lutheran School of Nursing; they have two children.

Miss Verna Sullivan is in Decatur Hospital, following an auto accident on April 10.



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3rd "MISSION ON WHEELS": King Center

The Martin Luther King Center, 1127 Maumee Avenue, will be the third local agency to visit during the church's 4-wk "Mission on Wheels" program. All persons are urged to meet at the church at 7:00 this Sunday evening, then go together to the Center; Dismissal is by 8:30. The Martin Luther King Center opened in June 1968, to serve the needs of people in the East Central neighborhood. It is also a bridge of communication between the black and white communities. The Center is a meeting place to carry out some programs. A staff of workers, primarily volunteers, is headed by Mrs. Roland, the director. One area of service is an employment agency; another is

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housing information. A food distribution program was conducted at Thanksgiving and Christmas, in which our church participated.

PROJECT COMMITMENT III

After successful meetings in the first two series of Project Commitment, the third series of 5 sessions will begin on Monday April 27, at 7:30 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hanna and Creighton Ave. The inter-faith, inter-racial program of informative addresses and group discussions on local problems is for any interested persons. Registrations ($5.00) must be in by April 19.

STATE CONVENTION 1973

Following a request received last week, First Christian Church agreed to extend an invitation to the Indiana Association of Christian Churches to hold its 1973 assembly in Fort Wayne. This year's convention will be in progress this Thursday through Friday at Evansville. The church office will be closed during these days.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Names to the nominating committee for this year are: Floyd Morrical, Dr. James Ruble, Herman Weber, Ray Fredericks and Mrs. Edwin Allen. The committee has begun its work, but anyone having a name to suggest because of particular qualifications for elder, deacon, deaconess or church officer, may contact one of these committee members.

BOY SCOUT SUPPER: Date of the supper has been changed to Friday, May 1, instead of April 17.

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Mr. Ralph Reynolds is in Rm, 551, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Henry is in room 458 Lutheran Hospital.

Officers Serving April 19

ELDERS: Floyd Morrical; Robert Rayl

Alternates: John Thompson, Donald C. Smith.

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: April 19, 26

Mrs. E. R. Allen; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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April 12, 1970

Church Attendance	273
Church School Attendance	180
Regular Church Offering	1596.90
Church School Offering	63.21
Building Fund	14.00
	$ 1674.11

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

CWF general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 pm. Program and worship by Higdon Group; "Where Does My Money Go?" Spice Group will serve as hostesses; Dye Group will serve refreshments. A dedication service will be held for Blessing Box Offerings.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE: During recent summers, the Sunday schedule has been changed. The worship committee desires to soon make recommendations for this summer. To better meet the wishes of the congregation, a response from members is sought as to preference of time. Members are asked to put in writing and include with their offering this Sunday, April 19, preferences of time for church school and service of worship. Ideas include: 9:00-9:50, church school, 10:00-11:00, worship; chapel service at 8:00, church school at 9:00, worship service at 10:00; keeping present schedule; a Sunday evening service, or mid-week service, to reach those away on Sunday.

YOUTH NOTES

Bell Choir will rehearse Sunday at 4:30, and the Youth Choir will rehears at 5:00. Mr. Parlette is most anxious to have all choir members present so that we may play and sing again in church before summer.

ChiRho and CYF will have regular meetings this Sunday at 5:30. CYF will work on their one-act plays and Chi Rho will have Mr. William Love as their guest, telling them of the work of the FBI.

The Junior Adventure Time members are reuqested to wear old clothing for spray painting during crafts. For study they are asked to read about their chosen character in the Bible; then plan a simple story or play with conversation from your study.

HELP WANTED

The Christian Education department is in need of several items of equipment. The items we are currently interested in can all be made. These include: bulletin board, shelves, easels, cupboard. Our need is to secure one or more men who would give a few hours time in making some of these items, if we provide the materials. If you could help in this way, please contact Ross Nierman (639-3896) or Miriam Bixenman.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Rena Giannakeff, 1903 Choctimar Trail, made her profession of faith April 5; a service of baptism is to be arranged. We also welcome Mr. & Mrs. Louis Chasar 6141 S. Calhoun, who placed membership in our church April 12. Mr. Chasar is associated with Kresge's, and Mrs. Chasar will teach at Lutheran School of Nursing; they have two children.

Miss Verna Sullivan is in Decatur Hospital, following an auto accident on April 10.

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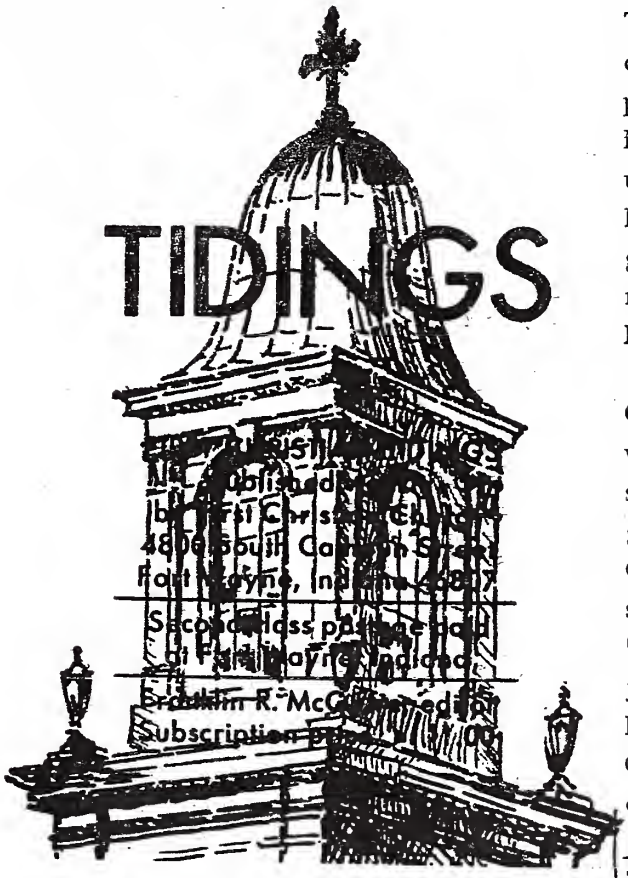

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"MISSION ON WHEELS" # 4

The final visit in this series on "Mission on Wheels" will be this Sunday evening, April 26. All interested persons will meet at the church at 7:00 and share transportation to the Migrant Opportunity Center, 419 W. Breckenridge, where Mr. Don Bruning is director of services among transient workers who come to this area to harvest crops, especially tomato-picking at Monroeville. 18,000 to 20,000 migrants come to Indiana each summer, and a ministry in several areas of need is rendered. Local churches and organizations, such as Church Women United, have aided in this home mission project. This will be the 4th agency visited during April.

LAST CALL: "PROJECT COMMITMENT"

The third series of Project Commitment, discussion programs on racial and social problems in Fort Wayne, begins this Monday, April 27, at Zion Lutheran Church, Hanna and Creighton Avenues. Five Monday evening meetings will begin at 7:30. It is possible for persons to register ($5.00) by contacting William Love or the church office.

CHOIR "SING-IN"

Our choir, with Mr. Parlette directing, will participate in another festival of sacred music this Thursday, April 23, beginning at 7:45 at Peace Lutheran Church, Fairfield and Pettit. Several south-area churches have joined in these "sing-ins", by presenting anthems and joining in group numbers. St. John the Baptist Catholic and Grace United Church of Christ churches have hosted other festivals.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST....

The 7th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast for civic and business leaders will be held at the Scottish Rite banquet hall on Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 a.m. It is sponsored by a committee of local laymen of different faiths and backgrounds, and is similar to the 18 -year old Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington. Over 1000 local persons have gathered for the breakfast program of music, worship and message by a guest speaker. Reservations ($3.50) may be requested from Mayor's Prayer Breakfast P.O. Box 9301, Fort Wayne 46809.

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Our delegates to the Indiana Assembly were: Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. C. D. Dilts, Franklin McGuire, and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Officers Serving April 26

ELDERS: Walter Birkhold, Rufus Quinn

Alternates: J.E.Weicker, Andrew Cook

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm.Schilling
Romane Cole	Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: April 26

Mrs. E.R.Allen; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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April 19, 1970

Church Attendance	243
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	$ 1194.71
Church School Offering	66.72
	$ 1261.43

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund .... $ 1800.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is express in the death of Miss Verna Sullivan on April 15 at Decatur, and to Mrs. George Duncan and Ted Bryan in the deaths of their mothers last week.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Cobb, 3922 Illinois Rd. into our church; Steve, a student at IU-Purdue, by transfer, and Kathy by baptism, both on April 19.

Ralph Reynolds is a patient in St. Joseph's, 551; and Robert Sheets in St. Joseph's, 563. Mrs. Harold Henry was in Lutheran Hospital last week.

Mrs. Charles Wrisk is in Lutheran #789.

Mrs. Dan(Peggy Love) Erickson had surgery in Indianapolis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Richard are parents of Elizabeth Ann, born April 18.

Friends are invited to the wedding of Miss Ann Chevalier to Douglas Arkwright this Saturday, April 25, in the Sanctuary.

CYF TO GIVE PLAYS - Our CYF is giving three one-act plays for the church on Sunday May 3, at 7:00 pm. The plays will include:"HARRY AND THE ANGEL, THE APPLE BIT, & IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO A DOG." Donation: $1.00 for adults; 75¢ for children under 12. A dessert supper will be included in the price of tickets. Get your ticket this Sunday from any CYF member. Mark your calendar now, save the date, and support our youth. This will be a real 'fun evening' for everyone.

CHOIRS:

The Bell Choir will rehearse Sunday at 4:30 pm. YOUTH Choir will not rehearse again until early May.

Chi Rho - will meet this Sunday at 5:30 with John Thompson as sponsor. Debbie Nordblom will lead the worship; Lee Ann Urich will be in charge of refreshments; Waller McGuire of recreation.

Junior Adventure Time - Bring an artificial color you have chosen for your craft. We will meet at 4:30 this week only; and all parents are asked to come for the last half hour - 6:00 to 6:30 in the Primary Dept.

CYF ALL CYF members are asked to remain after church this Sunday for a work afternoon to finish up scenery and equipment for the plays. We will send out for lunch. Every CFYer is needed, whether or not you have a part in the plays. This is the last Sunday, and we need all the rest of you to help with staging, lighting, etc. All three plays will be rehearsed.

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BOYS SCOUT SUPPER - will be a pancake supper on May 1, (Friday) 5:30 to 7:30.

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CYF CAR WASH - SATURDAY, MAY 9.

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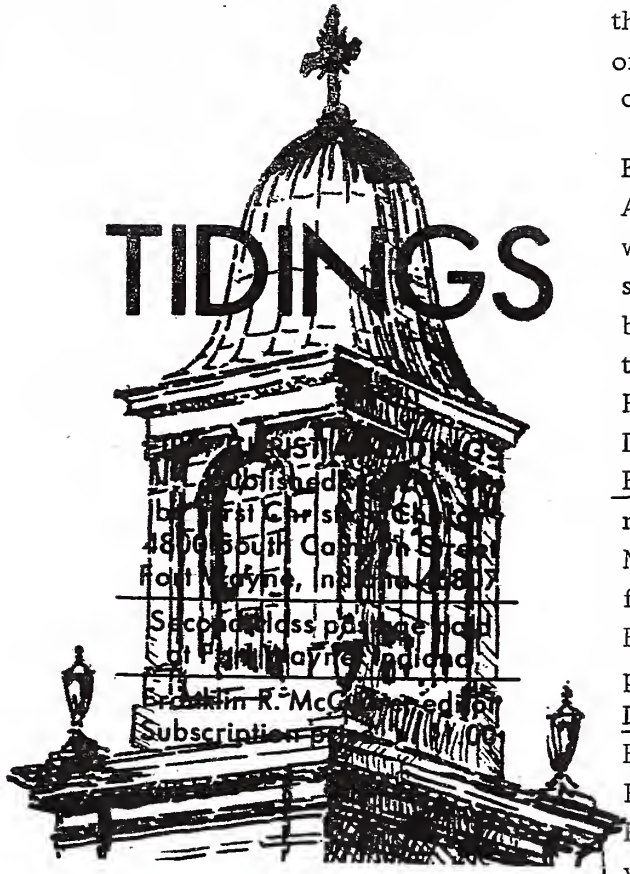

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CYF TO GIVE ONE ACT PLAYS, MAY 3

This is the Sunday that our CYF will entertain the entire church with three one-act plays: HARRY AND THE ANGEL; THE APPLE BIT; and IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO A DOG. These are all comedy, and most entertaining. Speaking parts will be portrayed by Petty Wetzel, Jim Taylor, Nick Church, Julie Crouse, Steve Bruckman, Melanie McGuire. There will be only one showing, which will be preceded by a dessert supper, beginning at 7:00 pm. Donation is $1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. Proceeds will go toward the support of a student at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky., a school for mountain children supported by the Disciples of Christ. COME, BRING the FAMILY, and enjoy a gala evening of fun and fellowship. and help support our youth in this mission project.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS ....

A business meeting of the congregation will be held this Sunday following the service of worship to elect new members of the church board. The Nominating committee report is as follows:

For THREE YEAR terms: Trustees: David Hogg and Wendell C. Glass.

Elders: Glenn Miller, Cecil Rice, Kenneth Edwards, Harold Crowder, Solon E. Merriman, Ralph Church, Eugene Klepfer, Albert Powell, James Ruble, Ray Fredericks; Ted Bryan, filling an unexpired term.

Deacons: Paul Yentes, Arthur Mowery, E. M. O'Laughlin, Ralph Weesner, LeRoy Timbrook, Max Finkhousen, Merle Rice, Leon Johns, Herbert Banet, Marvin Crouse, Donald Morgan, Dennis Andrew, Larry Barnes, Merle Grimm.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Dennis Andrew, Mrs Wm. Love, Mrs. Robert Ogles, Mrs. E. A. Plummer, Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. Robt. Hendricks, Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. J. E. Weicker.

Officers for ONE YEAR terms: Church Treasurer: Andrew Cook; Ass't Treasurer, Herbert C. Banet; Financial Secretary, Ralph Church; Ass't Financial secretaries: Romane Cole, Wm. H. Crouse, Walter Birkhold, Wendell Glass Hugh Rice. Church Clerk Mrs. Owen Vaught; Church School Secretaries: Mrs. Walter Keebortz, Mrs. Dennis Andrew. Other nominations may be made during the business meeting, provided consent has been obtained from the person being nominated, and three members second the nomination.

Officers Serving May 3

ELDERS: Hendricks Love, Bert Leversee
Alternates: Ben Taylor, John Merrill.
DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robert Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: May 3, 10, 17
Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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April 26, 1970

Church Attendance	234
Church School Attendance	161
Regular Church Offering	$ 1078.70
Church School offering	67.12
Building Fund offering	2.00
	$ 1147.82

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd. Tuesday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Worship, Mrs. Stanley Cole.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Laura Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl. Tuesday, May 5, at 1:00 pm. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship Mrs. Wm Love.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Rd. Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. David Hogg; Worship by Mrs. H. P. Love.

The DYE Group will meet at the church Wednesday, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. Hostesses are Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley. Program by Mrs. Robert Donohue; Worship by Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

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The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 2807 Westbrook, Apt 111 Building 1, Thursday, May 7, at 7:45 p.m. Program by Mrs. John Martin; Worship by Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber.

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MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON will be held Friday, May 1 at First-Wayne St Methodist Church. Patrick Fulbright, minister at large in the inner city, ministering to youth, will speak.

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CYF SPONSOR CAR WASH ... Plan to have your car washed by our CYFers on Saturday, May 9, 9:00-4:00 p.m. Have it clean for Mother's Day. Proceeds go to support the youth program.

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK - begins this Sunday, May 3, and continues through Mother's Day. This Sunday the service for "Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents" will be held during morning worship; any families interested in sharing in the service should notify the church office.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Clarence Hetrick in the death of his father last week.

Mrs. Thomas Rayl had ear surgery at Parkview Hospital on Monday.

Gerald Elser, Sr., remains a patient in Parkview, room 350

CHURCH BOARD meeting Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. Matters of importance, including the 1970-71 budget, are to be considered at this meeting.

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There will no t be a meeting of Junior Adventure Time, either Sunday, May 3 or May 10.

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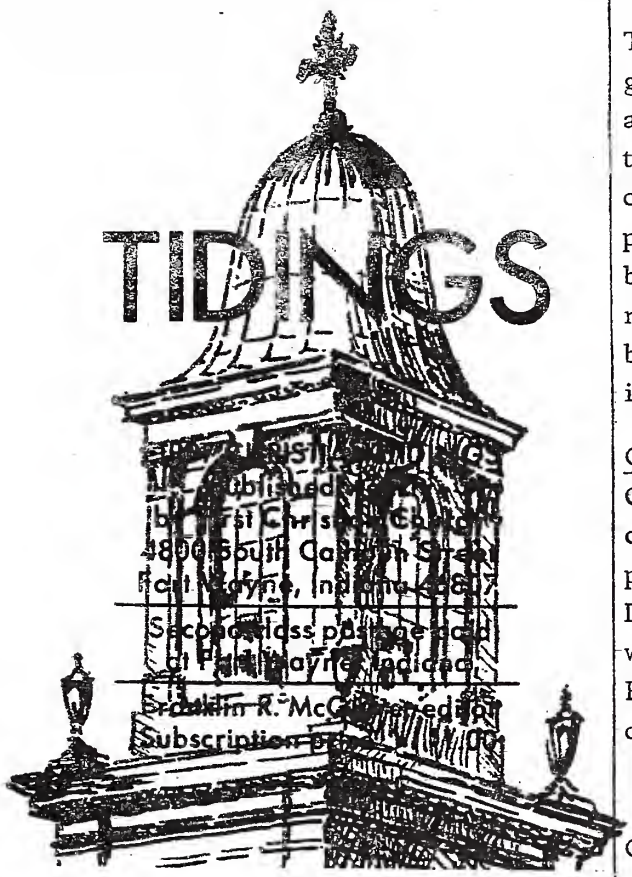
In an act of appreciation the Girl Scout troop which meets in the church each Monday, washed the toys in the nursery. this week.



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BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED .....

The slate of persons recommended by the nominating committee and listed in last week's "Tidings" was elected at the congregational meeting last Sunday. Two additional persons were elected as voting members of the church board for one year terms, as youth representatives: Miss Marlene Crouse, who is compiting a degree in nursing at Ind-Purdue, and Miss Mary Jenkins, who will be CYF president during 1970-71 and a senior at New Haven High School next year. All members of the board for the coming year will meet following worship on May 17 to elect officers.

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Mrs. Herdis Helmuth is in Lutheran 468 following surgery on Wednesday.

BUDGET FOR 1970-71

The board approved the total church budget proposed by the finance committee, and will recommend it to the congregation for action. It will be presented to the congregation on Sunday May 10, then copies will be mailed to members for study before action on it on May 17. Commitment Sunday will be May 24, when members will indicate their intention of giving for the church year beginning July 1.

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CAR WASH - Your car need washing?

CYF members will wash your car and clean it inside this Saturday on Church parking lot, anytime between 9:00 -4:00 Donation is $1.00. Proceeds will go toward the support of the youth program. Remember, Saturday, May 9. have a clean car for Mother's Day.

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CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - MAY 16

Chi Rho members are sponsoring a paper drive on Saturday, May 16. Bring your papers to the church anytime between May 10-15. If you cannot bring them here, call Mrs. Bixenman at the church, and Chi Rho members will pick them up on Friday evening, May 15, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. However, it will help if you can bring them and place them in Fellowship Hall near the stage. Proceeds will go toward the end-of-the-year campout for our Chi Rho.

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Mrs. Ward Bundy is a patient in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Bundy are residents of the Indiana Masonic Home, at Franklin, Indiana.

Paul Yentes repaired one of the folding panels in Fellowship Hall so it moves in place as a divider for class rooms. Thanks!

Officers Serving May 10

ELDERS: Wm. Caldwell; Geo. Bruckman
Alternates: Wm. Crouse; Myron Cole
DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Wm. Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
Wm. Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: May 10, 17
Mrs. Harold Crowder; Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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May 3, 1970

Church Attendance	280
Church School Attendance	140
Regular Church Offering	$ 1606.20
Church School Offering	55.33
Building Fund Offering	7.00
Children's Day Offering	37.00
	$ 1705.53

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3406 MacArthur Dr., Mrs. Robert Rayl co-hostess, Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor; Worship by Mrs. Ronald Aker.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, 4715 South Wayne Ave., Mrs. Merle Grimm, co-hostess, Wednesday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship by Mrs. Don Parlette.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp. Monday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Program and worship by Miss Pearl Heidecker.

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May 11-17 is National Salvation Army Week; John Thompson is chairman of the local board.

BELL & YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS -

It is necessary for the Bell Choir and the Youth Choir to rehearse this Sunday, as they work toward their final performance of the year. Bell Choir will rehearse at 4:15 and Youth choir at 5:00.

CYF SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring Clean up at Barbee Camp will be May 15 & 16. All CYFers are urged to attend and help prepare our camp for the coming season. Registration (including meals) is $2.00 per person. Each CYFer is asked to bring this amount and register with Ross or Emmalou Nierman or Miriam Bixenman before Monday, May 11. Elections of officers will be held at this retreat for CYF District officers.

"CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK"

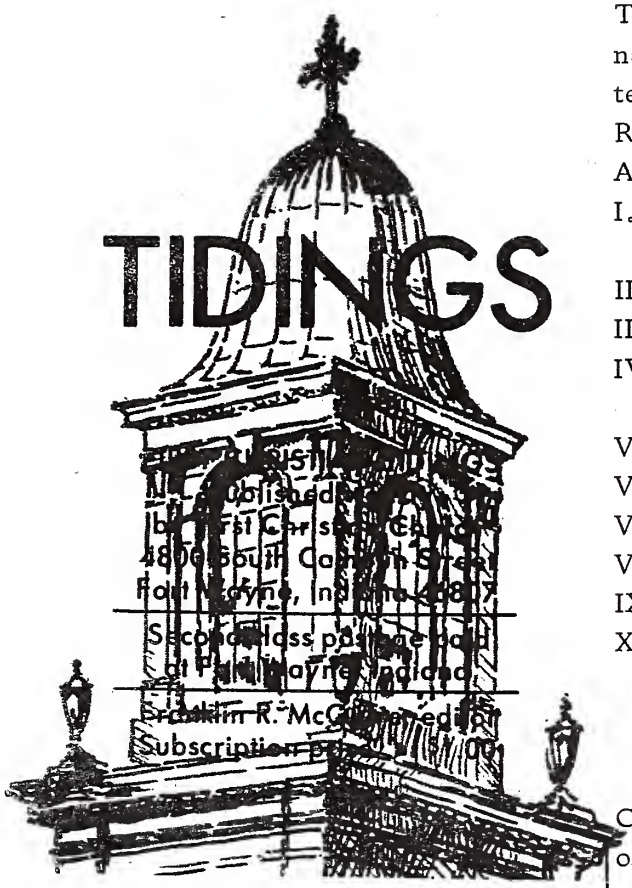
Children brought last Sunday for "Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents" were: Laura Jeane and Robert Kent, children of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald K. Gerow; Genevieve Denise, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kent Wolfe; and Derek Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sands. "Christian Family Week" concludes this Sunday, "Mother's Day".

THANK YOU!

Our CYF wishes to thank all who contributed pies and cakes for their dessert supper in connection with the one-act plays given last Sunday. Also, thanks to Mrs. Monette Wetzel, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Love, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, and Mrs. E. A. Fusselman, who assisted in the kitchen.

NO YOUTH MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY!

CONGRATULATIONS - to our minister, who was elected vice-president of the Regional Assembly of Christian Churches in Indiana at the recent State Convention for year 1970-71.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH

May 17 will be Pentecost Sunday, com=memorating the birthday of the church. Because the church lives and exerts its presence in our society, and speaks its message and witness before today's persons, its birthday is a time for celebration. The nature, mission and outreach of the church is to be emphasized this Sunday during the service of worship. The total church budget for the coming year, beginning July 1, will be acted upon by the congregation. An emergency appeal for help for our Indiana program will be presented. Following worship, the church will elect officers; those who will serve on the board during 1970-71 are to meet in the parlor.

From Column -1-

The budget, as recommended by the finance committee and board, was presented to the congregation last Sunday by Ralph E. Church committee chairman. A summary is as follows:

I.	Education, church school and Youth	$ 4,400
II.	Evangelism	300
III.	Membership development	400
IV	Outreach, benevolence & community services	17,000
V.	Property	18,050
VI	Publicity & promotion	1,075
VII	Stewardship & Finance	250
VIII	Worship	1,650
IX	Administration	36,846
X	Contingency and/or Miscellaneous	500
		$ 80,471.

CHARLES WELLS TO SPEAK HERE

Charles A. Wells, journalist and editor of "Between the Lines", TV-radio broadcaster and lecturer, will speak Sunday evening at 7:30 at Faith United Methodist Church, DeWald and Clinton Sts. An informed commentator on world affairs and a Quaker, he was a speaker at the recent convention of our churches in Evansville. He was in Fort Wayne in 1966 for a week, and attracted large audiences. He will make other appearances during the two-day visit, which is sponsored by the local Friends Meeting, Associated Churches and "Operation Friendship". He is well worth hearing; an offering will be gathered.

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST

Mrs. Rex Bicks, who has given missionary leadership in India and who is the daughter of missionary-parents, will be guest speaker at the annual CWF MAY BREAKFAST, at 9:30, Tuesday, May 19.

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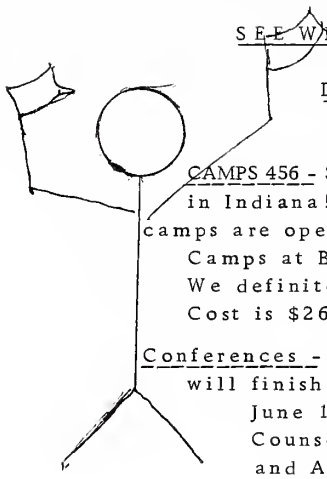
SEE WHAT OUR SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERS YOU!



DISTRICT, STATE, AND AREA CAMPS, CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES!

CAMPS 456 - Something new has been added to the camp and conference program in Indiana! Two new grades are included in the camping program! These camps are open to those who have finished grades 4, 5, & 6 this year.

Camps at Barbee are: June 29 - July 4; July 6 - 11; July 13-18;
We definitely will have counselors going July 13-18 and probably July 6 - 18.
Cost is $26.00, and the church will pay one-half of this.

Conferences - 78 (formerly known as Chi Rho Camp) - for all those who this year will finish grades 7 & 8. Camps to be held at Barbee include:

June 15-20; July 20-25; July 27-August 1; August 17 -22.
Counselors from here will definitely be going the weeks of July 20-25 and August 17-22.
Cost is $26.00, and the church will pay one-half of this.

SENIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - For all those who this year will finish grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Conferences at Barbee are:

June 21-27; August 2-8; August 9 -15
Cost is $28.00, and the church will pay one-half of this.

TRAIL CAMP FOR SENIOR AND POST HIGHS - August 30 - September 5, Cost $40.00, with the church paying one-half of this.

FAITH AND LIFE INSTITUTES - For High school Youth and up, July 5 - 24, at Geneva Center, near Rochester. Cost is $150.00, with some scholarship help available. This is truly an outstanding event.

See brochures on bulletin boards and Mrs. Bixenman for further information.

QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY - Purdue University, for all women. June 22-26.

Registration for all camps and conferences is on a first come, first served basis until capacity is reached. Register early! See Mrs. Bixenman for all events.

CAMP FOR RETARDED CHILDREN - July 27 - August 1, Indian Lake Camp. Mrs. Bixenman director. If you know any children who would benefit from this camp, see Mrs. Bixenman at once. Cost $40.00

OUR LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAM

RECREATION HOURS - Each Tuesday afternoon, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, June 9 - August 18, for elementary school age children, our and those in the neighborhood.

STORY HOURS - Each Thursday morning, June 11 - August 20. There will be separate story hours for pre-school, lower elementary (grades 1-3) and upper elementary (grades 4-6) from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., with possibility of some of these advancing to some creative drama. For our children and neighborhood children.

ADVENTURE DAYS - June 10, 9:30 -1:00, for Kindergarten children.
July 8, 9:30 - 3:00, for Elementary I, (grades 1 & 2) children
August 5, 9:30 - 3:00, for Elementary II (Grades 3 & 4) children.

CAMP OUT - June 19, 20 & 21, for Chi Rho Youth, at Chain of Lakes Park.
Includes Bible study, fun, and experience in outdoor living.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC - August 9; 23; or September 13.

Officers Serving May 17

ELDERS: Hugh Rice; David Griggs
Alternates: Rolland Ripple; Wm. Love
DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: May 17
Mrs. Harold Crowder; Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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May 10, 1970

Church Attendance	261
Church School Attendance	153
Regular Church Offering	1041.56
Church School Offering	52.19
Building Fund	6.00
	$ 1099.75

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Robert Chevalier is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bixenman, 3720 Smith Rd, into our church's membership; Jay is Mrs. Miriam Bixenman's son and is associated with Franklin National Life, and Kathym is an R.N at Lutheran Hospital.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Walter Birkhold and her family, in the recent death of a sister, Mrs. Olive Roy. Mrs. Roy was an active and faithful member of this church.

Mr. McGuire and Mrs. Bixenman will be at Geneva Center, Rochester, on Thursday and Friday for the Ministerial Staff Conference of Christian Churches.

WHO ARE OUR SENIORS?

In order that we may be sure not to miss anyone, if your son or daughter is a senior graduating from high school this spring, please call the church office and give the name and school, by May 22.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Graduating seniors from Fort Wayne and Allen County high schools will be honored during a baccalaureate service in our sanctuary on Sunday morning, May 31. They will process in cap and gown, and sit in reserved seats. Members of our church and other graduates who will participate are cordially invited, with their families and friends, to be present.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME . . Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be given over to finishing crafts and there will be an interesting study. Plans, also, will be made for the final week.

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CHI RHO PAPER SALE . . . Bring your old newspapers to Fellowship Hall before 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, May 16, for our Chi Rho to sell. If you cannot bring them to the church, notify the church office by Friday, so that they may be picked up Friday evening. Your help will be appreciated. The sale will not continue after Saturday.

COMING YOUTH EVENTS. .

CYF Spring Clean-up - Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, at Barbee Camp. Be at the church by 8:00 a.m. this Saturday if you are going. Cost $2.00. No meeting Sunday. CYF Pizza Party 6:00 p.m. (following choir), at Niermans 10744 US #27, So. CYF Senior Breakfast May 31, 7:30 a.m. Baer Field Inn.

Chi Rho - meeting this Sunday, 5:00 pm

Chi Rho party - Saturday, May 23, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

Bell Choir- rehearsal, 4:15 pm. Performance, Sunday, May 24.

Youth Choir rehearsals, 5:00 pm. May 17 & 24, with one other to be scheduled before June 7, when this choir will sing at the morning worship service.

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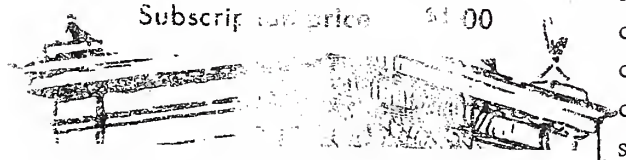

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BUDGET APPROVED:OFFICERS ELECTED

The proposed unified budget for the church for 1970-71 of $80,471.00 was approved by the congregation during a business meeting last Sunday, May 17. The 10-part budget, which includes guidelines for operating and outreach disbursements, becomes effective July 1; it is reduced more than $4000 under the current year's budget, although no program plans have been curtailed and the outreach goal is increased $500.00 to $17,000 (or 21.2% of total budget).

During meetings following the service of worship, officers of the boards were chosen for the coming year. Two were re-elected for second terms; George R. Bruckman, as chairman of the Board and congregation, and Geo. R. Davis, chairman of Deacons. Charles Ludwig was named vice-chairman of the Board; Wm. R. Love, chairman of elders; Bert W. Leversee, chairman of Trustees; Mrs. J. Fred Smell, chairman of deaconesses.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT DAY

Members of the congregation are called on to come to the service of worship this Sunday, May 24, prepared to return their Intention of Giving Card or stewardship commitment as an act of dedication. Such a pledge may be for the year, or per month, or per Sunday. Whatever a person plans to give should be in view of the church's budget of $80,471 for 1970-71 for its work, and mindful of one's income, expenses and sense of stewardship. The tithe has been a Christian standard of giving, or 10% of one's income. Perhaps most couples will indicate their plan of giving together, but children and young people in families should be encouraged to make their own commitment, thus develop their own sense of stewardship.

EMERGENCY OFFERING

Our church through its general board agreed to appeal for a special emergency offering to benefit the Christian Church in Indiana for this year which ends June 30. $10.00 is sought from 150 persons in our congregation to help our state association meet its obligations. Indiana churches have reduced their giving in recent years, and inflation has decreased the scope of ministry with what has been given. $100,000 is sought from all the Indiana churches to put our state work "back in the black" by the end of the fiscal year. Special offering envelopes are available for members to use. Credits will be given on individual records, but this offering is "over and beyond" our regular giving.

Officers Serving May 24

ELDERS: Alfred Schell; Fred Smell

Alternates: Herman Weber; E. Plummer

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	D. Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: May 24; 31; June 7

Mrs. F. E. Morrical; Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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May 17, 1970

Church Attendance	221
Church School Attendance	148
Regular Church Offering	936.36
Church School Offering	60.60
	$ 996.96

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund .... $ 1800.00

SUMMER SCHEDULE - JUNE 7

The Sunday morning schedule for summer of 1970 will be the same as last summer: The Church's School at 9:00 until 9:50, and the Service of Worship at 10:00/ This will become effective on June 7. and will continue during the three months of summer. Announcement will be made of some special services of worship being planned by our young people.

PERSONAL MENTION

Good wishes are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Steven J. Powell on their marriage in the chapel at DePauw University, May 9

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Rose are parents of a daughter, Cynthia Michelle, born May. 7.

Sherri Crist had a tonsilectomy at Lutheran Hospital, May 18.

Cecil Kinzie is in Lutheran, #631

Don Pomeroy is in Lutheran # 665

Thanks go to Bert Leversee for making an easel for the church school.

CHOIRS: Our Bell Choir will play at the Morning Worship service this Sunday. There will be no further rehearsals this year.

The Youth Choir will be singing on June 7. They will rehearse as usual this Sunday at 5:00. It is important that all choir members be present.

CHI RHO: Fellowship will have a party in Fellowship Hall this Saturday from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Each person has been assigned a particular item to bring or a particular responsibility. In addition, each is to bring, ready to cook, whatever pizza they will eat, or, a sandwich. Other refreshments will be provided. This is the last regular meeting of the year. Our Camp Out will be June 19, 20 & 21, at Chain of Lakes Park.

Junior Adventure Time are to meet at 1:45 pm, Saturday to go to the Allen County Children's Home to deliver the crafts. Will return to church at 4:00. This group will meet at 5:00 on Sunday. Steve Bruckman will be guest. There will be refreshments served.

CYF will have a Pizza Party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman, 10744 U.S. #27, S. The party will be immediately following the Youth choir rehearsal. We will meet on the parking lot and all go together. Senior breakfast is May 31 at Baer Field Inn. Cost is $2.30 for all except seniors. Please make reservations with Mary Jenkins (745-4015) or Mrs. Nierman (639-3896) by Wednesday, May 27. Seniors are reminded to let us know if your parents will be attending the breakfast. The Rev. Pat Fulbright will speak on the Night Ministry to youth in Fort Wayne.

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Thanks go to Dr. Harold Crowder for the gift of a table for the new movie projector given by the Progressive Class.

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Seventeen seniors from our church family will graduate from five local high schools with a few days. Elmhurst, New Haven, Northside, Southside, & Snider schools each have young people who are members of our church, or participate in classes or CYF. We congratulate these graduates. A baccalaureate service will be held during morning worship this Sunday, May 31, at 10:30. The entire service will recognize seniors, their schools and families. Graduates are asked to be in the church parlor at 10:15, with caps and gowns, to form a processional. The fellowship hour following the service will also be in their honor, and families and friends are urged to be present.

The annual senior breakfast, arranged by the CYF, will be at Baer Field Inn at 7:30 on Sunday morning, when graduates will be guests. Speaker will be Rev. Pat Fulbright, minister to inner-city youth of Fort Wayne. Parents of graduates may also attend, as well as all CYF'ers and youth leaders of the church.

G R A D U A T E S

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Judy Brickley
Don Crouse
James Duncan
Jody Eckert
Steve Hall
Rick Hendricks
John Hendrickson
Glenn Hunt
Nick Keirn
Nancy Lambick
Susan Love
Melanie McGuire
Theresa Meadows
Sandra Mills
Becky Presnell
Dave Trim
Jane Weicker

Officers Serving May 31

ELDERS: Herman Weber; Floyd Morrical
Alternates: Robt. Rayl; John Thompson
DEACONS:

James Ruble	Delmas Young
Robt. Hendricks	Walker Keebortz
Ronald Aker	Ross Nierman
William Wilson	Wm. Schilling

DEACONESSES: May 31; June 7
Mrs. F. E. Morrical; Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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May 24, 1970

Church Attendance	221
Church School Attendance	155
Regular Church Offering	1103.60
Church School Offering	55.71
Emergency Fund	229.05
Building Fund	102.00
	$ 1490.36

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. Tuesday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. Worship by Mrs. Edwin Allen.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Drive Tuesday, June 2 at 12 noon. Program, Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship, Mrs. Wm Love.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 3233 Chancellor Dr. Wednesday, June 3, carry-in luncheon at 10:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Neil Allen Worship, Mrs. Hogg.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Ct. Thursday, June 4, at 7:45 p.m. Program by Mrs. Roy Beal; Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun. Wednesday, June 3, at 1:30. Program, Mrs. Lillian Scott; Worship, Mrs. M. G. Heller.

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CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE 7

World Missions is the objective of the special offering. A goal of $500 has been set by our outreach committee for our church, tobe given within classes and by special offering during the service of worship.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

Beginning June 7, the service of worship will start at 10:00, until 11:00. Church School will begin at 9:00, until 9:50. Because of shorter periods of time, it is important for persons to be on time, and for those with responsibilities to be faithful to them during the summer.

CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE 7

Each country where we participate in mission is struggling with problems of overpopulation, economic development and social revolution in one form or another. Give help by your offering to mission.

SPECIAL SERVICES BY YOUTH

Youth of the church will lead four contemporary services of worship, to which all persons are invited, beginning at 8 a.m. on June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26. Using visual helps, contemporary music, and other resources for worship, they will include communion and offering. The services may be attended in addition to or instead of the regular worship, and will conclude by 8:45.

CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE

In 1969, two-thirds of our Christian Church missionaries served in countries where it costs more to live than in the United States. Help reach our $500 goal.

PERSONAL MENTION - We welcome James A. Sands, 2225 Dellwood, who made his profession of faith on Sunday; his wife, Ann, is a member, he is employed at Tokheim.

Michael Elwood suffered a broken ankle last week.

Mrs. Helen Steigerwald is in Parkview #713; Mrs. Edna Mapel, Lutheran, 568.

CWF Training Institute for all officers will be Monday, June 1, at 7:30 at the Church.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES ..... THIS SUNDAY ...

The service of worship will begin at 10:00 during the summer months, beginning this Sunday, June 7, and will last approximately one hour. The church's school will begin at the usual time, 9:00 but will conclude at 9:50.

Youth of the church will conduct four contemporary services, on the second & fourth Sundays of June and July. This will begin at 8:00 a.m., and will include communion and offering. Everyone will be invited to these worship experiences, in addition to or instead of the regular 10:00 service of worship.

Remember: beginning this Sunday -
The Church's School 9:00 - 9:50
The Service of Worship 10:00 - 11:00

CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE 7

"Children's Day which many churches now observe, originated many years ago in a Christian Church when children in the Garrison family gave all the money in their 'piggy banks' to help missionaries inforeign lands. It is one of our oldest special days, calling for an offering for basically the same reason as originally: to help mission of the church. $500 is the goal for our church this Sunday, June 7, which is "Children's Day". While world mission is changing, the need is no less great; training for leadership is vital in all areas of life in all countries. Missionaries find themselves in different roles, as national leaders make decisions and carry on much ofthe work, especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Families in the church and members of classes are urged to use the special offering envelope and share gladly in the outreach mission of the church this Sunday; our Youth will be singing for the 10:00 service of worship, which will emphasize Children's Day.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Friends in the church are invited to the wedding of Miss Karen Ann Varner and John Steward Buzzard at 6:30 pm, Saturday, June 6, in the sanctuary.

Two seniors were omitted from the list of high school graduates: Miss Candace Shireman and Richard Penny.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. M.W. Driver in the death of his father last week.

Mrs. Elna Taylor is a patient in Lutheran hospital, #416, following surgery on Monday.

Miss Becky Buskirk will leave Sunday for Woodhaven Learning Center at Columbia Mo. She has volunteered her time this summer to work with the children there.

Officers Serving June 7

ELDERS: Donald Smith; Walter Birkhold
Alternates: Rufus Quinn; J.E. Weicker
DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Urich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robt. Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: June 7
Mrs. F.E. Morrical; Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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May 31, 1970

Church Attendance	201
Church School Attendance	126
Regular Church Offering	927.24
Church School Offering	45.01
Emergency Fund	130.00
Building Fund	1.00
Children's Day	1.00
	$ 1104.25

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The Montgomery Group will meet with Mrs. Ronald Aker, 6226 Coverington Rd Tuesday, June 9 at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Rowland serving as co-hostess; Program by Mrs. James Knight.

The Nelson Group will meet at the church Wednesday June 10 for a carry-in supper. Mrs. Russell Wortley, hostess, Worship by Mrs. John W. Broom. Mrs. Robert Lee will serve as co-hostess.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman and Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale Dr. Monday, June 8 for a carry-in supper. Worship by Mrs. Wm. Conrad; There will be installation of officers.

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The Church Board will meet on Tuesday June 9, at 8:00 p.m. This is the last meeting of this church year.

SUMMER RECREATION & STORY PROGRAM BEGINS - Our summer program for our own and neighborhood children begins this coming week, Tuesday, June 9, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. we will have planned recreation for children in grades 1 - 6. Games will be held on our lawn, parking lot or in Fellowship Hall. A similar program will be held each Tuesday during the summer. On Thursday, June 11, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the church, we will have story hours for Kindergarten, Lower Elementary (grades 1-3) and upper Elementary (grades 4-6), Those helping this week are: Mrs. Wm. Love, Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Mrs. Ted Bryan. This program will continue on Thursday during the summer.
The first Adventure Day will be held on Wednesday June 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for Kindergarten children. Children are to meet at the church and are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. The program will be announced by postcard to the children.

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Beginning Sunday, June 7, there will be no second hour expanded session for Kindergarten and Elementary I classes. Session for Nursery (2 & 3 yr. olds) and baby sitting for children under two will continue.

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COFFEE HOURS - The informal fellowship hour following morning worship are discontinued for the summer. These pleasant times for visiting are of value to all, and appreciation is expressed to the many persons who have arranged them.

YOUNG AMERICAN WEEK - Services will be held on June 7, 8, & 9, at Bishop Dwenger High School, at 7:30 p.m. Bob Gibbons of New York will preach. Services are youth-oriented, but every one is invited. John Thompson, co-chr. and Tom Frappier have assisted in the planning for this event.

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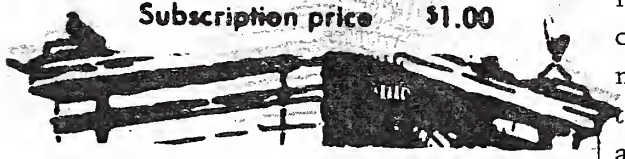

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DEFINITION OF 'CHURCH'

A member protested that it was one continuous appeal to "Give-give-give", to which another replied, "That is the best definition of the church!" It seems several appeals come in a bunch, because of the "special days" all falling in the November-June period; these are Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, & Children's Day, plus Week of Compassion, Every-member Commitment, and any other offerings such as Reconciliation. Two such appeals are waiting for total contributions now: last Sunday was Children Day, which offering goes for support of world missions; and the emergency offering for state-wide work of Christian Churches, which Dr. James Ruble interpreted very helpfully on May 24.

These objects of Christian concern deserve the generous gifts of church members: contributions are down in many areas, and inflation is up! - which is seriously affecting the scope of ministry and mission in our country and around the world. Those who have not given to these causes are urged to do so, using envelopes that are available.

YOUTH LEADS 8:00 WORSHIP

The first of four contemporary services of worship will be led by young people of the church this Sunday, June 14, at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to be present. Such services, which will be different in format, will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of June and July.

SUMMER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Routines, activities and schedules are changed in most households during summer weeks because of no school, vacations, temperatures, etc. Summer makes a difference in the church too! The new schedule for summer got off to a good start last Sunday: hardly anyone was 30-minutes late for 10:00 worship! The church's school begins at 9:00, but lasts only 50 minutes, which necessitates being on time and using to fullest advantage. The service of worship is shortened and less formal, never-the-less is a full service. Persons with responsibilities are asked to especially be attentive to their duties, and in times of vacation to secure substitute leaders. When away from home, visit other churches and some of the opportunities for different religious experiences, such as in parks, drive-in services, and other denominations or faiths. God is constant; be consistent in your faith and worship!

Mrs. Bruce Stone is in Lutheran Hospital room 783.

Officers Serving June 14

ELDERS: Andrew C. Cook; Hendricks Love

Alternates: Bert Leversee; Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Wm. Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
Wm. Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: June 14, 21, 28

Mrs. Paul Yentes; Mrs. Helen Clymore

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June 7, 1970

Church Attendance	237
Church School Attendance	161
Regular Church Offering	1319.80
Church School Offering)	201.43
Children's Day ")	131.55
State Emergency Fund	40.00
Building Fund	10.00
	$ 1702.78

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Will be held June 16, at 8:00 p.m. Program and Worship by the Spice Group Topic: "Pray with Chinese Christians" There will be an Installation service for new officers. Hostesses, Nelson Group; Fellowship Guild will serve the refreshments.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Buzzard (Karen Varner) who were married in the sanctuary, June 6; their address-511 Dori Lynn, Apt. E; and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eifrid, who were married the same day.

Sympathy is expressed to Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull and her sister in the death of their mother, Mrs. Maud Woodhull, last week at the age of 99.

Our sympathy is expressed to Mrs. K.L Dibble in the death of Mr. Dibble, on May 12.

SUMMERTIME WEEKDAY PROGRAM

Our activity program for our own and neighborhood children got off to a good start this week with a recreation hour on Tuesday afternoon; the Kindergarten Adventure Day at the home of Delmas Young on Wednesday, where the children watched the bees in glass hives making honey; and three story hours on Thursday for pre-school, lower elementary (grades 1-3) and upper elementary (grades 4-6) children. The Tuesday recreation hour (3:00-4:00) with high school youth assisting, and the Thursday story hours (9:00-10:00) with Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. Gene Shirley, and Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain assisting, will continue this week.

NEW POST-HIGH CLASS TO BEGIN . .

This Sunday, June 14, we will have a vital discussion group for post high single young adults. The class will meet this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Mrs. Bixenman's office with John Thompson as their discussion leader. There will be donuts and coffee or milk for all.

CHI RHO WILL GO CAMPING at Chain O'Lakes State Park on June 19, 20, & 21. We will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, and return here by 4:00 on Sunday. Program will include Bible Study, worship, recreation and fellowship. Chi Rhoers will be notified by mail of items they are to bring and are asked to sign up with Mrs. Bixenman by Wednesday June 17, 4:00 p.m. Those who do not sign up cannot go. Ben Taylor and Mrs. Bixenman will camp with the youth.

THANKS TO the '58 Class for gift of a record player for Kindergarten. Also, to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barnes for gift of a toy stove and sink for the Nursery.

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Charles Kensey, brother-in-law of Mrs. Birkhold, died in Maryland this week.

Carolyn Hendricks is in Lutheran Hosp.

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THE I.C.W.F. QUADRENNIAL

The International Christian Women's Fellowship Quadrennial Assembly will be held at Purdue University in Lafayette June 22-26. The theme will be "We Act in Faith - and Miracles Occur". The purpose - "As Christian women we are called to attend the Quadrennial Assembly to examine our faith in Jesus Christ that we might better understand God's purpose for us, to encourage each other to face change and take risks in the world of 1970, and to find ways to witness to our faith in our everyday, everyplace situations." Women attending the Quadrennial from our local CWF are: Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Charles Dilts, Mrs. William Love, Mrs. Franklin McGuire, Mrs. Ross Nierman and Mrs. Owen O. Vaught. Many women have specific responsibilities, such as assisting in worship, and in discussion and fellowship hours. Our church is proud to have these women representing our church; they will be commissioned to represent us during the service of worship at 10:00 this Sunday. Among the major leaders during the Quadrennial will be Mrs. A. Dale Fiers, ICWF president, and Mrs. Benjamin Burns, ICWF vice-pres.; Mrs. Burns will be remembered as our 1969 Woman's Day speaker. Other featured speakers will be Mrs. Theodore Wedel, Barton Hunter, T. J. Liggett, & Fred B. Craddock. There will be 25 overseas guests attending the Quadrennial who will be bringing greetings from their countries.

CWF OFFICERS INSTALLED

Officers of the CWF for 1970-71 were installed by the minister on Tuesday evening at the general meeting. These serving are: Mrs. Ross Nierman, president Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain and Miss Ethel Shroyer, vice-presidents; Mrs. Fred Smell and Mrs. Ralph Church, secretaries; and Mrs. Robert Clipp, treasurer. Directors are: Mrs. Donald Davenport, (study) Mrs. Chamberlain (membership) Mrs. Wm. Love (worship) Mrs. ~~Church~~ Aker and Mrs. Russell Wortley (service). Group leaders are: Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Kepple; Mrs. Davenport, Nelson; Mrs. Robert Rayl, Montgomery; Mrs. Charles Dare, Guild; Mrs. Jack Williams, Higdon; Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Spice; Mrs. Church McGavran; Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Dye.

Officers Serving June 21

ELDERS: John Merrill; Wm. Caldwell

Alternates: Geo. Bruckman, Wm. Crouse

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	Richard Burkett
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
John Hechler	

DEACONESSES: June 21, 28

Mrs. Paul Yentes; Mrs. Helen Clymore

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June 14, 1970

Church Attendance	243
Church School Attendance	145
Regular Church Offering	1124.35
Church School Offering	55.90
Children's Day offering	89.05
State Emergency Fund	12.00
Building Fund	33.10
	$ 1314.40

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund .... $ 1800.00

C. W. F. - The HIGDON Group will hold a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton, Monday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.

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COME DOUBLE CLASS GUEST - June 21

Errett Moehring of the Fort Wayne Christian School will be guest teacher of the Come Double Class this Sunday, as arranged by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rayl. All others are invited to join the class this Sunday.

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YOUTH - PROJECT COMMITMENT

Project Commitment, the informative study-discussion on local needs and problems which has had three successful series, will have a youth sction this summer for high school and college-age persons. Two concurrent sessions will be held, one on Sundays and one on Mondays. beginning July 12 and 13. at St. Mary's Catholic Church; Sen. Birch Bayh will be the first speaker.

PERSONAL MENTION

All friends in the church are invited to a reception in the church parlor honoring Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Schell on their 50th wedding anniversary at 3:00, Sunday, June 28.

Friends in the church are invited to the wedding and reception of Miss Cathy Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Romane Cole, on Saturday, June 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Maeda Teeters who died on June 13.

Nick Keim had a tonsilectomy at Lutheran Hospital this week.

Mrs. Mary Wagner is to have cataract surgery at Lutheran hospital on Thursday.

Approximately 70 attended the first of four 8:00 a.m. services of worship, conducted by the youth, last Sunday. The second of these special services will be on June 28.

SUMMER PROGRAM - REMINDER

The Recreation hour for elementary children on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00. Melanie McGuire is in charge this week. Remember the three story hours each Thursday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for kindergarten (6th grade) children. Those assisting next week - Mrs. Wm. Wilson; Mrs. Chas. Ludwig; Mrs. H. P. Love.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES at Barbee are fast filling up. If you wish to go get your registration in immediately.

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Mrs. Fred Smell, Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Rolland Ripple served the luncheon for the board of Associated churches on June 10.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman taught in a leadership school at First Christian, Marion evenings this week.

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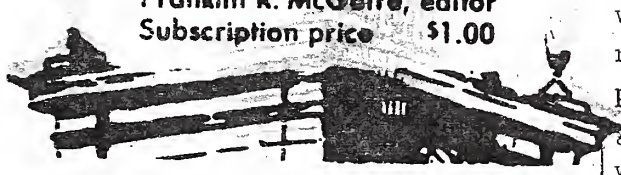

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YOUTH TO LEAD 8:00 WORSHIP ...

A service of worship at 8:00 a.m. will be available to all who choose to bepresent this Sunday, June 28. This will be the second of four such contemporary services led by young people of the church, on the second and fourth Sundays of June and July; approximately 70 persons were present on June 14 at 8:00. Different forms of worship are employed, including. settings, visual aids, music and literature. Opportunities for communion and offering are provided.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Hospitals in Fort Wayne provide a very helpful service in notifying churches of patients admitted who state their church preference; the chaplain's office or admittance office usually phone the following day. Occasionally our office is closed, or for other reasons, word of a member being a patient does not reach the church; a recent instance was Mrs. Teeters, who was a patient 12 days before her death in one of the hospitals where no other members had been patients recently. We regret this in her case or any other person. Sometimes persons who plan to be admitted inform the church office or minister themselves; it is also helpful when families of patients notify that members are hospitalized.

NEW CHURCH YEAR

There will be no bells rung, fireworks or all-night parties - but a new year will begin on Wednesday, July 1 - a new church year, that is! June 30 completes the first fiscal year for our congregation running July through June, which is in keeping with state and national church procedures, calendar and records. Officers of our church and board, elders, deacons, deaconesses and trustees begin new 1970-71 terms on July 1. The budget for the same period, amounting to $80,471, also became effective; members are reminded to keep in mind their commitments to the church for both the concluding year, and for the following one. Officers are: George R. Bruckman, chrchurch board; Charles R. Ludwig, vice-chairman; William R. Love, chairman of elders; George R. Davis, chairman of deacons; Mrs. J. Fred Smell, chairman of deaconesses; Bertram Leversee, chairman of trustees; Andrew C. Cook, treasurer.

Officers Serving June 28

ELDERS: Myron Cole ; Hugh Rice

Alternates: Alfred Schell; Rolland Ripple.

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	D. Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: June 28

Mrs. Paul Yentes; Mrs. Helen Clymore

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $1800.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Nathan Love returned home on June 15 from a year's study at the University of Strasbourg, France.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Schell invite friends in the church to a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, at 3:00, Sunday, June 28, in the church parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Romane Cole invite friends to the wedding of their daughter, Cathy, and Gregory Jackson, on Saturday, June 27, at 3:00 in the church sanctuary, and to the reception in Fellowship Hall.

Ten ladies from our congregation will return home on Friday, June 26, from the 5-day International Christian Women's Fellowship Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue.

Cecil Kinzie is still a patient at Lutheran Hospital, #692.

Mrs. Wayne Doehrman entered Lutheran Hospital # 470 last week.

Rev. Franklin R. McGuire has been appointed chairman of the Department of special Services for the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. It is the responsibility of this department to plan the Union Services and provide the Chapliancy for special groups.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

In an effort to make the summer program easier for parents in the area of transporting children, the recreation program, beginning this week, has been moved to 10:00 a.m. Thursdays, immediately following the story hours. In addition to the recreation for elementary school age children, there will also be a recreation period for Kindergarten boys and girls. In this manner, parents are asked to bring their children each Thursday morning from 9:00 until 11:00, rather than for one hour Tuesdays and one hour Thursdays, as in the past weeks.

Parents of children in the 1st- 3rd grades are reminded to save Wednesday, July 7, for the lower elementary Adventure Day. This will be a program from 9:30 a.m., until 2:00 p.m.

MR. PARLETTE TO GERMANY

Don L. Parlette, our director of music, will leave from Chicago on June 29 for a 3-week workshop for teachers of stringed instruments, held by Schiller College of Stuttgart, Germany. More than 50 persons will travel together to the workshop, which will be conducted in a hotel in Germany's Black Forest. Mr. Parlette has arranged for music in our worship services for the 3 Sundays.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME- Among the crafts made by this group and delivered to Allen County Home for Aging and for Children were: 46 pairs for house slippers, 12 toy animals, 14 vases of artificial flowers, 12 Easter Egg trees and 4 bird-house center pieces. Mrs. Helen Clymore and Miss Susan Love were in charge of crafts; Jeff Olson did a splendid job with recreation; and Mrs. Hendricks Love was worship and study leader.

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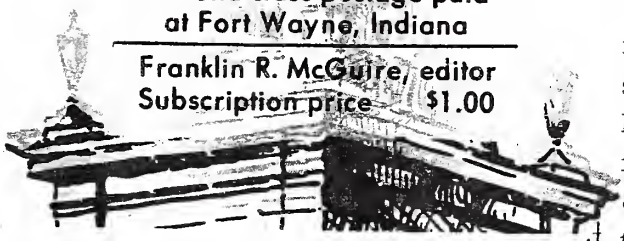

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BOARD INSTALLATION THIS SUNDAY

With the beginning of a new year for 1970-71 on July 1, terms of office will begin for officers and members of the church board. These persons are to be installed during the 10:00 service of worship this Sunday morning, July 5. Geo. R. Bruckman, who will begin a second year as chairman of the board and congregation, will lead the service of installation; others who will participate are Dr. James F. Ruble and William T Love. All elders, deacons and deaconesses are urged to be present, who are beginning first, second and third year of their terms. Officers, who serve one-year terms, will also be installed. Three new elders will be ordained this fall; They are Ted Bryan, Ray Frederick and Dr. Ruble. Appreciation should be expressed for the service and faithfulness of retiring members of the board, in their capacities of leadership. The counsel of these persons during meetings has been invaluable, and their performance of duties has contributed to the well-being of the entire church. It is required by the constitution of the church that board members not be re-elected for at least one year on completion of a term.

THE YOUTH PROJECT COMMITMENT

"Youth Project Commitment" will begin July 12 and 13, and will conclude Aug. 16 and 17. Sunday sessions will be held from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m., and Monday sessions from 7:30-10:00 P. M., both at St. Mary's Catholic Church. This project, first of its kind in the country, will be directed toward youth and young adults: those entering grade 10 in high school up to age 30, Sen. Birch Bayh is to be the first speaker at both opening sessions. Some of our youth have already attended Project Commitment series, but it is hoped others will participate either in Sunday or Monday meetings; the two are to be identical, and provide larger opportunity to attend. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Bixenman for registration

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CHURCH CABINET WILL MEET ON

next Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 P.M. Officers of board and chairmen of departments make up the cabinet.

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NEEDS FOR RETARDED CONFERENCE

Can you help by bringing any of these a[illegible] (column #4)

Offi cers Se rvin g July 5

ELDERS: E. W. Klepfer; Hugh Rice

Altemates: Geo. Bruckman; Kenneth Edwards.

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Donald Morgan
LeRoy Timbrook	Max Finkhousen
Ralph Weesner	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: July, 3, 12, 19

Mrs. Herman Weber; Mrs. Dennis Andrew

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June 28, 1970

Church Attendance	207
Church School Attendance	164
Regular Church Offering	$ 1357.68
Church School Offering	62.17
Children's Day Offering	12.00
Building Fund	4.00
	$ 1435.85

Amount due Momorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hugh Rice and Rolland Ripple, whose mother died on June 22.

Good wishes are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory A. Jackson (Cathy Cole) on their marriage in the sanctuary on June 27.

Congratulations are also given to Mr. & Mrs. Alfred O. Schell, whose 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated with a renewal of their vows and a reception in the church on June 28.

Flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday were from the two services mentioned above.

Miss Ethel Shroyer attended the ICWF Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue in place of Mrs. Bixenman who was ill.'

Neil Allen is in Lutheran hospital #569 following surgery last week.

Mrs. Wendell Glass had eye surgery recently, and is now at home.

Ellery Flaugh is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital # 809.

STORY AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM

The story hour for all children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will again be this Thursday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Recreation for these same ages will immediately follow the story hour from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. All Children should plan to stay for two hours.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR GRADES 1 - 3

The second summer adventure day will be held on Wednesday, July 8, for all children in grades 1-3. Children should meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., bringing a sack lunch. We will go to Mr. Delmas Young's bee farm to see and hear about the bees as they make honey and see other foods growing at the home of Mr. Young. The emphasis will be on God's Plan at Work in These Areas of Life. The day will be filled with fun, fellowship, information and worship. Cool drinks will be furnished. Children will be returned to the church at 2:00 p.m., ready to be picked up.

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articles to Miriam Bixenman by July 20:

2 or 3 pound coffee cans
10 (gallon) cans
Tuna or flat pineapple cans
Metal lids from cottage cheese cartons
Small jingle bells (such as are seen at Christmas)
Pieces of new screen wire
Pieces of sand paper
Shirt cardboards
Milk cartons (no gallons please)
Empty band-aid boxes, (metal)
Plastic cleaner bags

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GUEST MINISTER THIS SUNDAY

Dr. James Parrott, who is serving as a staff member of the Christian Church in Indiana on an interim basis, will be our guest minister for the 10:00 service of worship this Sunday, July 12. Dr. Parrott is associate state secretary until a successor is named to Russell Hensley, who has become state minister in Oregon. Dr. Parrott gave leadership for several years to Christian Churches in California, as well as in local pastorates. Although he has not visited our church before, some of our members have become acquainted with him during conversations with the Decatur church concerning our mutual interests in this area. His sermon: "On My Making God Visible a nd Real"

Others participating in the service will be Ralph Church and William Love. Mr. McGuire will return with his family on July 13 from two weeks' vacation!

YOUTH PROJECT COMMITMENT

This series will begin this Sunday and Monday, July 12 and 13, and will close August 16 and 17. The Sunday sessions are at 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. and from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Mondays. Both are to be held at St. Marys Catholic Church. This project is directed toward youth and young adults from those in grade 10 of High School through age 30. Birch Bayh will open both sessions. We hope that some our youth will take advantage of this opportunity, Contact Mrs. Bixenman for registration. Fee $2.50

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This Sunday morning at 8:00, the youth will conduct the worship service. Steven ruckman is the leader. This is the third of four services held and conducted by our youth, the last service will be on July 26. Bruce Finkhousen will be the leader.

HELP WANTED

Inquiries come occasionally from families needing help in the home, to stay with children, aging or ill persons; one family is seeking someone to stay with a child daily, beginning in September. If there are ladies who would be interested in such employment, full-time, part-time or on occasion, please notify the office; callers will be given your name and address to contact directly.

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Mrs. Don Parlette will join her husband in Germany this week for the rest of a workshop that Mr. Parlette is attending. Mrs. George Davis will serve as organist for Sundays, July 12 and 19.

Officers Serving July 12

ELDERS: Ted. Bryan; Wm. Caldwell

Alternates: Ray Frederick; Rolland Ripple.

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: July 12, 19

Mrs. Herman Weber; Mrs. Dennis Andrew

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July 5, 1970

Church Attendance	214
Church School Attendance	112
Regular Church Offering	$1172.72
Church School Offering	39.83
Building Fund	4.00
	$ 1242.65

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

NEEDS FOR RETARDED CAMP

Can you help by bringing any of these articles to Miriam Bixenman by July 20?

2 or 3 lb. Coffee cans
10 (gallon) cans
tuna or flat pineapple cans
Metal lids from cottage cheese cartons
plastic cleaner bags
Small jingle bells, such as are seen at Christmas
Pieces of new screen wire
Pieces of sand paper
Shirt cardboard
Milk cartons (no gallons, please)
Empty metal band-aid boxes

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I have often thought what a melancholy world this would be without children; and what an inhuman world it would be without the aged.

--Samuel Taylor Coleridge

CYF COOK-OUT AND PARTY .....

Present members of CYF and those who graduated from high school this year are invited to a cook-out next Sunday evening, July 12, at 6 o'clock, at the home of one of the incoming sponsoring couples, Jay and Kathyrn Bixenman, 3720 Smith Road. Come, bring your own meat for grilling and buns, and any fun game equipment you wish. Everything else will be furnished. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz are the other incoming sponsors.

CALLING ALL SENIOR AND POST HIGH YOUTH

Each Sunday evening at 7:00 a group of youth, with adult leadership, meet at Pat Fullbright's office on The Landing to listen to the "Top 40" records and react to them. From their reactions, a panel is developed and the reactions taped for later airing on "The Place", a national radio program, locally produced. Any youth interested is urged to go down to The Landing and participate.

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ADVENTURE DAY FOR GRADES 1-3

A large group of children under the care and supervision of several mothers left this morning to visit Mr. Delmas Young's bee farm. The day will be filled with interesting information about bees and other growing things, fellowship, fun and worship. They will enjoy picnic lunches and after that will return to the church where parents will come for the children.

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Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary

--Reinhold Niebuhr

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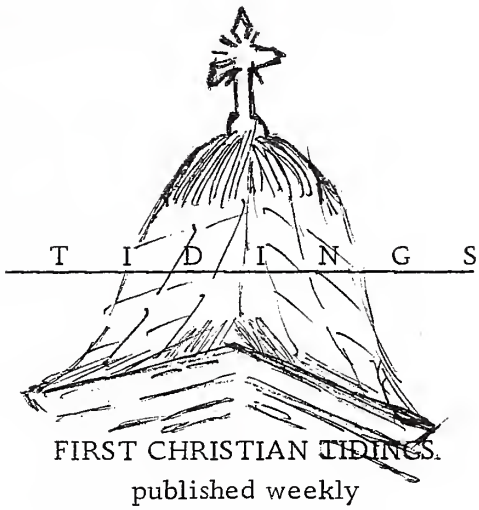

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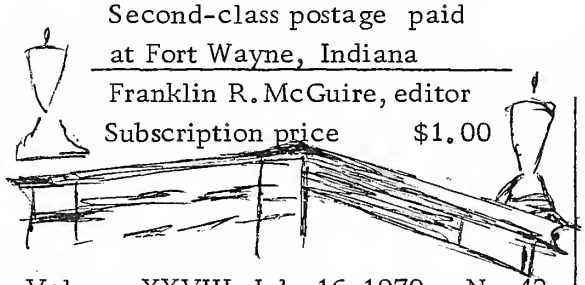

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INTERIM EXECUTIVE MINISTER ....

Dr. Richard E. Lentz has begun service as interim executive minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, following the retirement of Dr. John W. Harms on June 30. Dr. Lentz has served in Indiana pastorates and more recently in national staff work. It is hoped that a permanent state secretary will be named soon to begin work by 1971. Dr. Beauford A. Norris, president of C.T.S., is president of both the state board and the annual assembly of the church in Indiana this year.

FOR CONCERNED CHURCH MEMBERS

The Associated Churches has forwarded information on two matters that should be of interest to congregations and their members: (a) A bill to be presented to the next session of the state legislature would appropriate $10,000,000 of general tax funds to a special Non-public Education Fund to be distributed to parochial and private schools in Indiana in 1971-72 and again in 1972-73. Regardless of sympathy for the financial plight of these schools, Protestant churches have maintained the position of separation of church and state, and cannot agree with use of tax funds for such purposes. The matter should be studied to create a public opinion. Two meetings of interested citizens have been held; another will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 8:00 at First Presbyterian church, which may be attended by church representatives. (b) X-rated movies are being shown at some Drive-in Theaters, with underage youth viewing them from outside the premises of the theater. Associated Churches regards a movie rated unfit for young people under 18 to be pornographic and obscene, and urges churches and their members to take a stand for decency. Any persons interested in attending meetings toward trying to remedy this situation can be informed of times and places of meetings.

FURNACE REPAIR

It's not a "cold day in July' but it is a good time to "make hay while the sun shines!" Arrangements have been made at the direction of the church board and trustees for the furnace to be repaired, including converting it from oil fuel to natural gas, at a cost of $2800. Superior Oil Company has

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Officers Serving July 19

ELDERS: Wm. Love; Harold Crowder
Alternates: Fred Smell; Ralph Church
DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: July 19
Mrs. Herman Weber; Mrs. Dennis Andrew

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July 12, 1970

Church Attendance	197
Church School Attendance	126
Regular Church Offering	$ 1627.96
Church School Offering	52.06
Building Fund	2.06
	$ 1682.08

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Cory Church and Kenny Taylor are attending Camp 456 at Barbee this week, and Mrs. Clair Buskirk is serving as a leader.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris (Diana Campbell) who were married in the sanctuary on July 11.

Mr. Carl Linn is a patient in Parkview Hospital #612.

STORY HOUR

Story Hour and recreation will again be on this Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 am Children are urged to stay for the full two hours. These story hours are held each Thursday morning, and are in lieu of a regular Vacation Church School.

JOBS WANTED

Such as: domestic work, ironing, and other odd jobs .. Call: MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER, 1127 Maumee Ave. 742-1364 or, 742-1365

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been contracted to do the work. Property chairman Ted Bryan has given much attention to details of this project, which will be completed during the summer weeks, and which will correct a problem of the last few winters.

INFORMATION FOR ANNUAL REPORT

With the end of a church year on June 30, information for the 1969-70 YEARBOOK of the Christian Church is being assembled for publication. Each congregation supplies a statistical review of its program, with most information already available in the office records. However, other groups and classes within the church make contributions that are not recorded otherwise, to local agencies, Foster parents, orphans, etc. It is important to have this total review of giving, therefore treasurers are requested to give this information to Mrs. Vaught this Sunday, July 19, since the completed statement is due by July 20.

OUR OUTREACH $ AT WORK

The Peru earth quake on May 31 may have been the worst disaster ever to hit the western hemisphere, with thousands of lives lost and tens of thousands' homes destroyed. The Christian Church quickly began helping, along with other denominations, through Church World Service. $25,000 of Week of Compassion emergency funds has been sent, and one of our missionaries in Equador, Craig Frederickson, has gone to assist. Additional funds may be sent. No special appeal is being made, but if persons choose to make gifts, they should be marked "Peru and will be forwarded through Week of Compassion.

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YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU!.....

In the glove compartment, in your luggage, into a motel, trailer or guest cottage: your copy of "The Secret Place" for personal and family daily worship. When so many are travelling and on vacation, "The Secret Place" with its scripture reference, meditation, prayer and thought for the day provide continuing relationship with God and personal refreshment. The new format of the devotional booklet is more attractive for all ages, and includes increased resources for guidance and inspiration.

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Word has come that Mrs. A. N. Shockney has been ill. She is with her son and family in Atlanta, Illinois.

$100 WORTH OF OUTREACH

"World Call" magazine provided the following information, which is good to review when a church year has ended and reports are being completed on the life and witness of the church during that year. We are curious as to where our money has gone, which has been given as regular and special offerings - and we should know especially how the church's outreach dollar is divided. During 1969 1970, every $100 that persons and congregations gave through Unified Promotion was to be divided as follows:

Board of Church Extension (for interest-free loans)	$ .66
38 State or area organizations	25.50
Board of Higher Education	1.76
Council on Christian Unity	.69
Disciples of Christ Historical So.	.43
General office of the Christian Church, including restructure and the World Convention	3.13
National Benevolent Ass'n (for support of 11 homes for the aged and 8 homes for children)	9.78
National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.	.14
Pension Fund (for supplemental income on low pensions or where no pension exists; and for pension dues for seminary students and reserve chaplains on duty)	3.70
The United Christian Missionary Society (for support of mission at home and abroad).	38.15
Axtell Christian Hospital, Newton, Kansas	.15
Christmount Christian Assembly, Black Mountain, N.C.	.11

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Officers Serving July 26

ELDERS: Albert Powell; Herman Weber

Alternates: Floyd Morrical; James Ruble

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	William Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: July 26; Aug. 2, 9

Mrs. John Merrill; Mrs. Ralph Church

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July 19, 1970

Church Attendance	196
Church School Attendance	115
Regular Church Offering	$ 1151.80
Church School Offering	55.01
Building Fund	22.00
	$ 1228.81

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

SUMMER EVENTS FOR CHILDREN ..

This Thursday and every Thursday, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. there will be a story hour and recreation hour for children - kindergarten - sixth grade, here at First Christian. Our boys and girls are invited to come and to bring their friends. Children in the 4th - 6th grades are urged to save the day, Wednesday, August 5, for an Adventure Day.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Arthur Mowery in the death of her father on July 17.

Also, our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ellery Flaugh dn the death of her sister.

8:00 WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

The fourth and last service of worship conducted this summer by young people of the church will be at 8:00 a.m. this Sunday, July 26. Planned and led entirely by the young people, these services have been of varied nature and content. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Educational institutions (24 colleges and seminaries, 1 Bible chair, 1 campus foundation) $ 15.80

This listing does not include local giving, such as to Associated Churches, and other special gifts to some agencies or organizations, but it indicates how our dollars channeled through Unified Promotion support the total work of the church.

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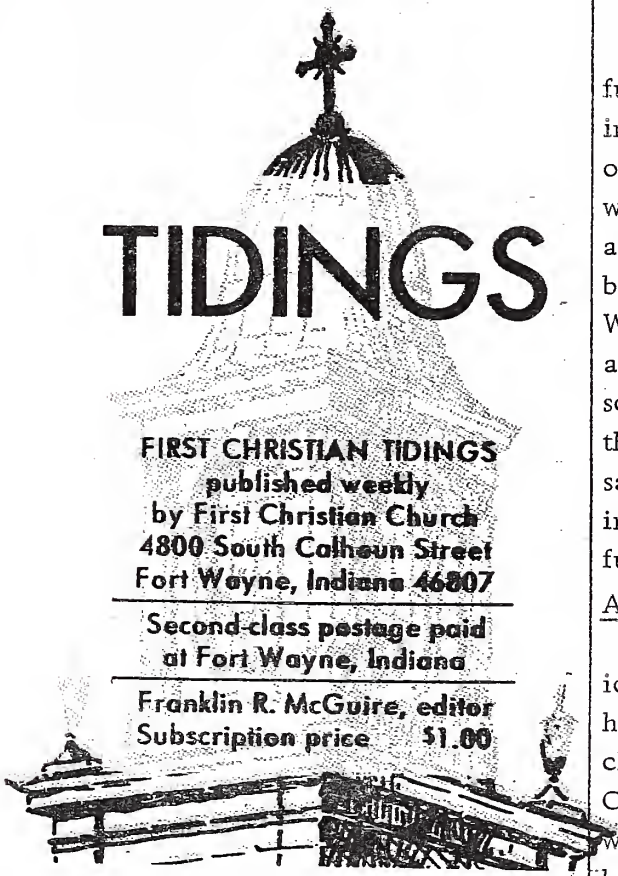
CONFERENCE 78

This week Barbara Taylor is at Barbee Christian Camp attending Conference 78, a conference for all who have finished grades 7 & 8. Next week LeeAnn Urich, Schellie Schell, Debbie Nordblom, Valerie Williams and Doug Olson will be attending a similar conference. Mrs. W.J. Williams and Mrs. Harold Nordblom will be serving as counselors on behalf of this church during the week of July 27 - August 1.

CAMP FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

For the first time this year, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana will be sponsoring a camp for retarded children. This camp will be held the week of July 27-August 1, at Indian Lake Christian Retreat, near Indianapolis. Mrs. Miriam Bix enman and Mrs. Olive Hoke, minister of Christian Education at our church in Crawfordsville, will be co-directors for this camp. Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Hoke were among those who, several years ago, pioneered with persons from Christian Bd. of Publication, in developing materials for working with the retarded in the church. New materials have been published recently. This new material can be seen by visiting Mrs. Bixenman's office.



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YOUTH TO SUMMER CONFERENCE

Three young people from our congregation will attend Christian Youth Fellowship conferences this summer. They are Scott Rayl, during the week of August 2 at Camp Barbee, and Debbie Allen and Pam Meadows, August 9 at Barbee. Two others attending the latter week under the auspices of our church are Nancy Dillon and Janet Poitras. Mr. McGuire will also serve on the conference staff, beginning August 9. These persons will be commissioned during the service of worship this Sunday, August 2.

FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Rick Hendricks will begin service as full-time custodian of the church building, beginning August 1. He has worked on a part-time basis for over a year, while a professional janitorial company attended to other cleaning. Rick will be a student at the Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Campus this fall, therefore hours at the church will be in accord with his school schedule. The cooperation of those using the building is always necessary in caring for property and in locking doors after regular hours or evening functions.

ANOTHER SERVING AT WOODHAVEN

Susen Love left on July 26 for a period of volunteer help at Woodhaven, the home and training school for retarded children supported by the Christian Church at Columbia, Missouri; She will be assisting in art. Becky Buskirk has been serving at Woodhaven this summer also.

CWF GROUPS COMBINE: NEW NAME

Two groups of the Christian Women's Fellowship have combined into one, and have taken the name, "Gamboe", for the new group. Members of the Dye and McGavran Groups united, and have as chairman Mrs. Ralph Church and vice-chairman, Mrs. Vaughn Brickley. Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Gamboe, who are parents of Mrs. Franklin McGuire, served 33 years as missionaries of the Christian Church in India, and since returning to the U.S. have worked with Church World Service and in the resources department of U.C.M.S. They have been curators of the old Cane Ridge Meetinghouse near Paris, Kentucky for the past 5 years.

Officers Serving August 2

ELDERS: John Thompson; Donald Smith
Alternates: Glenn Miller; Rufus Quinn
DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: August 2 and 9.
Mrs. John Merrill; Mrs. Ralph Church

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Officers Serving, August 9

ELDERS: J.E. Weicker; Cecil Rice
Alternates: Hendricks Love;
S.E. Merriman
DEACONS:

Mark Snyder*	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

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July 26, 1970

Church Attendance	219
Church School Attendance	118
Regular Church Offering	$ 1156.85
Church School Offering	43.41
	$ 1200.26

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

THE MIGRANT MINISTRY

The work of the Migrant Ministry has started with Mrs. Robert Howell going to Monroeville every afternoon to teach the migrant children who are attending the special school conducted by the East Allen County Public Schools. She and Sister Mynette have been given the hour from 2:00 to 3:00 each afternoon as released time for Religious Education. Mrs. Howell has the younger group; and Sister Mynette the older ones for an integrated Christian Education program.

DOUBLE ISSUE OF TIDINGS! . . . . . .

"TIDINGS" will not be published next week, because of vacation schedules in the church. Those serving on August 2 and 9 are especially reminded to note the listing of names for both Sundays.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Those sharing in the "Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents" on Sunday, July 26, were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beachley, with Grant Stephen, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Plasterer, with Thomas Nathan; Mrs. Plasterer, sister of Mrs. George Davis, sang in our choir, and now lives in Lima, Chio.

Mrs. Bixenman is serving this week as director of the camp for retarded children at Indian Lake Camp near Indianapolis.

Steve Bruckman took high honors at the national music convention in St. Louis last week, playing the accordian.

Rev. Joseph Fitch, a "Timothy" of this congregation, will begin a new ministry with the Garfield Memorial Christian Church, McLean, Va., in August; Mrs. Fitch (Phyllis) will teach there also.

Miss Sue Crayton and Dan C. Ross will be married at 7:00 on Saturday evening, August 1, in the sanctuary; good wishes from the congregation are extended to this couple.

USED CLOTHING

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE will collect clothing again on Monday, September 21st at the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. Women are urged to keep the date in mind and get your clothing there before that date.

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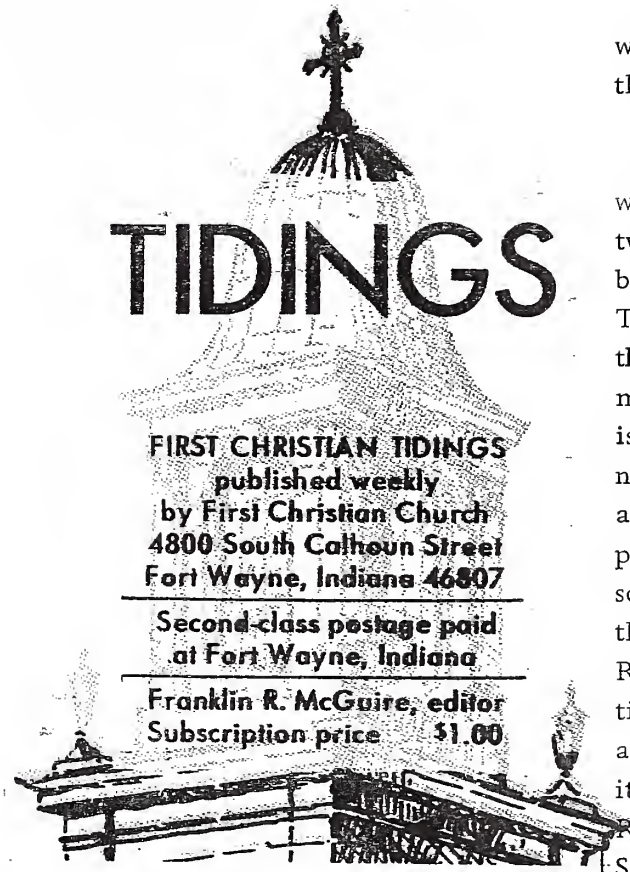

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HOME-COMING - SEPTEMBER 13 . . .

An old-fashioned "home-coming day" will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13, for our church, with members urged to reserve the day together and to invite and bring others for informal visiting. Plans include a fellowship meal, being arranged by the CWF, and recreation and other activity.

The congregation is on the threshold of its 100th year, with that anniversary in late fall of 1971. Such a home-coming is a good way to begin a year-long observance. September 13 is the first day of a new semester in the church's school, and marks the second year of use of the Christian Life Curriculum. That date is also Go-to-college Sunday, noting young persons of the church who will be students in higher education this fall.

CHURCH CABINET

During the two "vacation months" when the church board did not meet, the two first Tuesdays of these months have been well-used by the church cabinet. The cabinet is composed of officers of the board, functional committee chairmen, Fellowship leaders, and the ministers. This group cannot conduct business for the church, but it does initiate and coordinate plans, develop church program and calendar, and secure personnel and resources. Those comprising the cabinet this year include: Dr. James Ruble (worship), Ross Nierman (education), Hendricks Love (outreach), Ronald Aker (Christian action and community service), Mark Snyder, (evangelism) Ray Frederick (membership), Alfred O. Schell (public relations), Ted Bryan (property), and Ralph Church (stewardship and finance); William Love (elders) Mrs. Fred Smell(deaconesses); George Davis, (deacons); Mrs. Ross Nierman (CWF); George Bruckman, Charles Ludwig, Andrew Cook and Mrs. Owen O. Vaught (church board); and Mrs. Bixenman and Mr. McGuire.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to the family of Cecil Kinzie, who died on July 29. Also, sympathy is extended to Harold Nordblom and family in the death of Mr. Nordblom's mother, Mrs. Aine Nordblom, who died August 9.

Word comes that Mrs. A. N. Shockney had surgery this week in "Mennonite hospital" Bloomington, Illinois.

Mrs. Kenneth Lytle is in Lutheran #569.

Officers Serving August 16

ELDERS: Ben Taylor; Eugene Klepfer

Alternates: Hugh Rice; Geo. Bruckman

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: August 16 - 23

Mrs. John Merrill; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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Officers Serving August 23

ELDERS: Kenneth Edwards; Ted Bryan

Alternates: Wm. Caldwell; Ray Fredericks

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

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August 2, 1970

Church Attendance	172
Church School Attendance	120
Regular Church Offering	$ 1718.84
Church School Offering	47.22
For Missions	10.00
Building Fund	8.00
Reconciliation	10.00
	$ 1794.06

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August 9, 1970

Church Attendance	212
Church School Attendance	136
Regular Church Offering	$ 1005.65
Church School Offering	57.07
Building Fund	4.00
Missions	10.00
	$ 1076.72

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

"An open secret of life is that the only things we have worth keeping are lost when we keep it! Share your joy, faith, be generous - and share your love. . . . " .

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

There are three more Sundays during which the Sunday service of worship will begin at 10:00 - August 16, 23, 30. Beginning on September 6, the service will begin at 10:30, and the church's school will continue to begin at 9:00. That date is the Labor Day weekend, but as has been the pattern for several years, our church's worship service is broadcast during September over WGL. This calls for members to be in the sanctuary, andfor persons with leadership responsibilities to be especially conscientious.

SUMMER VACATION PROGRAM

The summer series of adventure days, story and recreation hours concluded this past week. Our thanks to all who have contributed leadership.

DOUBLE ISSUE OF TIDINGS

"TIDINGS" will not be published next week, because of vacation schedules in the church. Those serving on August 16 and 23 are especially reminded to note the listing of names for both Sundays.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Graham (Kathy Weicker) are parents of a son, Shaun Edward, born July 31.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayhurst (Judith Rice) are parents of a daughter, Anne Lynn, born July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Romine are parents of a daughter, born July 31.

Mr. McGuire is serving on the staff of CYF Conference at Camp Barbee this week, and Mrs. Bixenman will serve during Camp 78 next week at Barbee.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall invite friends in the church to the wedding of their daughter Marlo Kay, to Richard N. Quick, Saturday, August 29, at 2:30 in the sanctuary

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 13, will be an important and good day in the life of our church, provided members join in to make it as meaningful as possible to persons, families and the congregation. Several emphases will make it a "celebration Sunday": Church Loyalty Month begins that day, to mark the church's new program year. Summer's vacations and slackened pace is over, with the beginning of school - and the church enters into fuller life and activity, especially in areas of worship, education, stewardship, membership and leadership.

September 13 begins the new semester for the church's school; materials for study by classes are arriving and will be distributed before that date.

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Go-to-College Sunday is observed on the same day, alerting the church to students enrolling in higher education: vocational and trade schools, colleges and universities. And it will be Homecoming Day for our church! Former members, non-resident members and friends of the church are to be urged to join the congregation for a pleasant day of worship, fellowship, recollection and appreciation. Following the 10:30 service of worship, a fellowship meal will be shared at the church at 1:00; persons are encouraged to come to the church dressed comfortably for an informal day, including visiting together, recreation and activity in the afternoon. Altogether this "celebration Sunday" will serve as introduction to the church's centennial year, to be climaxed in the fall of 1971.

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IN TOUCH WITH STUDENTS

The names, schools and addresses of all members who are attending any institution of higher learning, locally or out of town, are needed by the church. This enables keeping in touch with our students, sending "Tidings" and other mail to them, and maintaining interest in these persons. This has seemed difficult information to obtain, therefore the students themselves as well as families are requested to send in, telephone, or stop by the church office with these important addresses.

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Copies of the new issue of "SECRET PLACE" with daily devotions for Sept. through Nov. are available at 25¢ each at the church entrances.

Officers Serving August 30

ELDERS: Rolland Ripple; William Love

Alternates: Harold Crowder; Fred Smell

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Ba rnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: August 30

Mrs. William Love; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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August 16, 1970

Church Attendance	194
Church School Attendance	122
Regular Church Offering	1296.55
Church School Offering	49.20
For Missions	10.00
Building Fund	5.00
	$ 1360.75

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August 23, 1970

Church Attendance	193
Church School Attendance	95
Regular Church Offering	1075.90
Church School Offering	48.91
	$ 1124.81

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . .
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Drive, Wednesday, September 2, at 9 a.m. Worship by Mrs. Fred Smell.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie, Thursday September 3, at 7:30. Program, Mrs. Clipp; Worship by Mrs. Paul Truby.

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CHURCH BOARD - Because of the Labor Day holiday and the beginning of school the church board will meet on September 15 at 8:00 instead of on September 8

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Full choir rehearsals , because of the broadcasting in September, will begin on THURSDAY , September 3 at 7:30.

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WORSHIP TIME CHANGE - SEPT. 6

There is one more Sunday in which the service of worship will begin at 10:00 - this Sunday, Au gust 30. On September 6, worship will begin at 10:30, and the church's school will continue to start at 9:00. Our services at 10:30 will be broadcast over WGL during September.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bueford Tharp and Mrs. Grace Tharp in the death of a grandchild and great-grandchild.

Sympathy is also extended to Ross Nierman, in the death of his grandfather.

It was good to have Bruce Lehman in the service of worship Sunday, home from VietNam.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall invite friends in the church to the wedding of their daughter, Marlo Kay, to Richard N. Quick, Saturday, August 29, at 2:30 in the sanctuary.

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The INTERFAITH LUNCHEON, sponsored by Church Women United, will be at 12 noon, Tuesday, Sept. 22, at First Presbyterian Church, Luncheon is $2.50, reservations deadline is September 14.

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PERSONAL MENTION - Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chevalier who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week.

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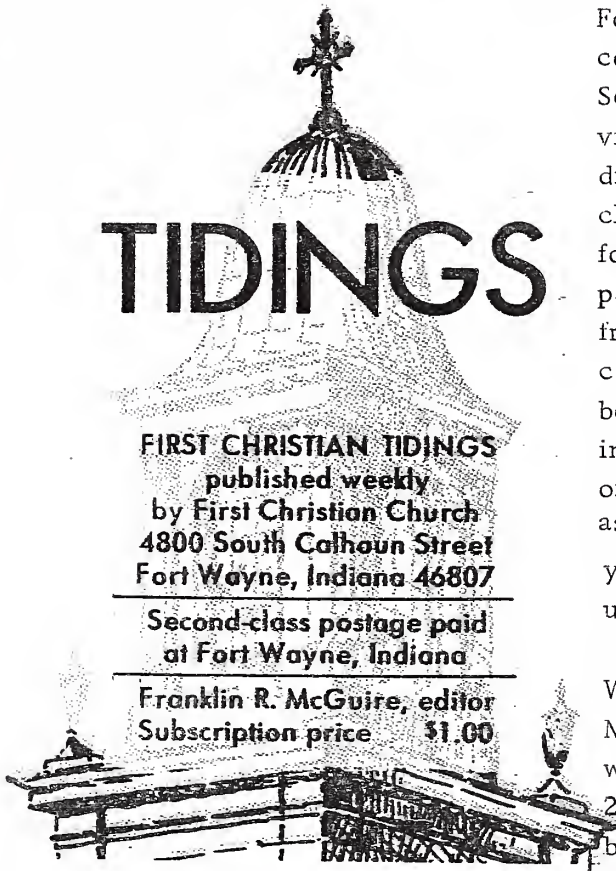
SPECIAL SUMMER programs for boys and girls, were held weekly with 24 adults giving time for this program. 58 children visited Delmas Young's Bee Farm on the three Adventure Days.



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RETURN TO NORMALCY - ?

Not necessarily - and who knows what 'normalcy' is, anyway? But this Sunday September 6, we do return to the more normal schedule and format for our service of worship, The Sunday services will begin at 10:30, having the leadership of the entire choir, and using the more complete order of worship. The service will be broadcast during September at 10:30 over WGL. A sermon series will also begin this Sunday, on the Person of Jesus: "Jesus, Man of Motivation"; "Jesus, Man of Celebration"; and "Jesus, Man of Decision." The time for the church's school will remain the same, beginning at 9:00.

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NEW TIME FOR SERVICE OF WORSHIP
10:30 A.M.

HOMECOMING - SEPTEMBER 13

For the first time in many years, a 'homecoming day' will be observed on Sunday, Sept. 13, making use of the morning service of worship and a 1:00 fellowship dinner at the church. Families in the church are urged to invite and bring back former members, those who have not participated actively recently, and other friends of the church. It will be an occasion to arrange for some who are 'home bound' to come to the church, by providing transportation. The centennial year of the church will be introduced that day, as the congregation observes its 100th year in many ways leading up to the actual date in November 1971.

PERSONAL MENTION

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Quick, (Marlo Vanderwall) on their marriage Saturday, August 29, in the church sanctuary. They will be living at 4928 Old Maysville Rd.

Miss Delores Drewett had surgery at Parkview last week.

FELLOWSHIP HOURS BEGIN

These enjoyable hours will resume this Sunday, September 6. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Smell will be host couple. Members are not only invited, but encouraged to bring others, especially visitors to our church, to this brief and informal time of friendship.

STUDENTS: WHERE ARE YOU?

Not the first name or school address has been received in the church office, about students attending higher education institutions locally or out-of-town this year. The students themselves or their families are requested to supply this information by phone or card, enabling the church to "keep in touch" with young people.

Officers Serving September 6

ELDERS: Ralph Church; Albert Powell

Alternates: Herman Weber; Floyd Morrical

DEACONS

Merle Rice *	Mac Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Ralph Weesner
Merle Grimm	Paul Yentes
Donald Morgan	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: September 6, 13, 20

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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August 30, 1970

Church Attendance	210
Church School Attendance	117
Regular Church Offering	$ 1056.20
Church School Offering	53.67
For Missions	11.00
Building Fund	4.00
	$ 1124.87

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The GAMBOE Group will meet at the church, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, hostess, Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. Mrs Vaughn Brickley co-hostess. Program by Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship Mrs. Caldwell.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Dr. on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 A.M.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Larry Barnes, 1547 Knox, New Haven, Tuesday, September 8 at 8:00 Mrs. Edwin Hall co-hostess. Program Mrs. George Davis, Worship Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

The NELSON Group will meet at the Church on Wednesday, September 9, at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. H. W. Crowder. and Worship by Mrs. Jack Sauerwein.

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

The seventh annual Interfaith Luncheon sponsored by Church Women United, will be at 12 noon, Tuesday, September 22, at First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Claude Potts, vice-president of Indiana Synodical Society of United Presbyterian Women will be the speaker. All reservations must be made by mail to Mrs. Fred Krauskopf, 3170 Oswego Ave. (46805), at $2.50 each. Names of persons attending are necessary, with self-addressed stamped envelope so that tickets can be mailed. This meeting for women of all faiths is always a "sell-out", so that tickets should be ordered early before the September 14 deadline.

CWS CLOTHING COLLECTION

Church World Service collection for clean, good, used clothing will be on September 21. Boxes will be at the church entrances and you are urged to get the clothing here by September 20.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS BREAKFAST

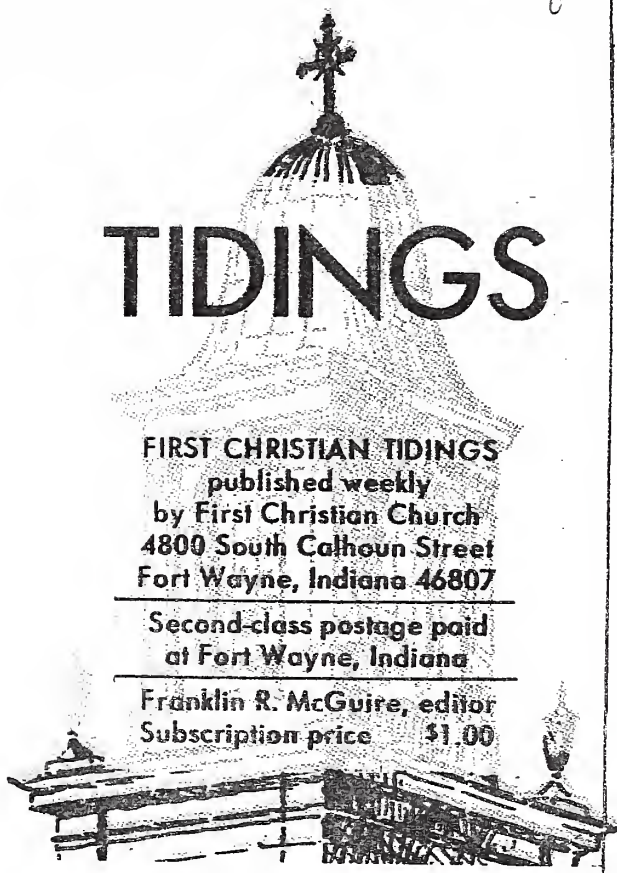
Our Young Adult (post high) Class has had a large attendance all through the summer. This Sunday, Sept. 6, this class will meet at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell Dr. They will have their church school discussion there and will return to the church for the worship service.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEW MATERIALS for new semester beginning Sept. 13, will be on table in Mrs. Bixenman's office ready for pick-up. The teachers names will be on top of the stack.

PERSONAL MENTION

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson, Kimberly, Bobbi and Michael, into our church family. They reside at 350 Arcadia Ct.

CHURCH BOARD will meet Tuesday, the 15th and will begin with a communion service for all members.



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HOMECOMING THIS SUNDAY

Church members are to bring three things to the church this Sunday, Sept. 13: Themselves, other persons, and food for the fellowship meal - all part of the homecoming day being observed as part of a "celebration Sunday", Members, former members, those living elsewhere, and friends of the church are invited to join in this special day, which will help begin observance of the church;s 100th year, to climax in the fall of 1971. Persons are urged to come to the church school and the 10:30 service of worship comfortably dressed, so to stay on through the 1:00 dinner and afternoon activity. The CWF is attending to dinner arrangements. Persons are to bring whatever food they choose, and their own table service; drinks will be provided. Table decorations will honor students who will be in higher education this fall, and other decorating to emphasize the church's history and centennial will be done by the young adult class.

STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The church extends its good wishes to members who are in institutions of higher education. Are there others than these listed?

Ball State, Muncie: Ed. Allen, Jr., Nancy Skelton
DePauw, Greencastle: Gary Parkerson
Earlham, Richmond: Melanie McGuire
Fort Wayne Bible College: Susan Love
Hanover College, Hanover: Julia Quinn
Indiana U., Bloomington: Steve Ludwig, Gloria McVay, Lee Ann Penny, Richard Penny, David Williams
I. U. Medical Center, Indianapolis: Richard McVay
I.U.-Purdue, Fort Wayne:Greg. Allen, Marlene Crouse, Muriel Crouse, Nick Church, Susan Gumpp, Rick Hendricks, Nathan Love, Nancy Lambick, Jeff Olson Jolene Wilhelm.
Marion Bible College, Marion: Becky Buskirk
Miami U. Oxford, Ohio: Linda Jenkins
Purdue, Lafayette: Jane Weicker, Cindy Yentes
Transylvania, Lexington, Kentucky, Kevin McGuire
Auto and Diesel Trade School, Nashville: Don Crouse

Officers Serving September 13

ELDERS: James Ruble:John Thompson
Alternates: Donald Smith;Glenn Miller

DEACONS: JUNIOR DEACONS are serving Sunday, September 13.
DEACONESSES: September 13, 20
Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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September 6, 1970

Church Attendance	204
Church School Attendance	101
Regular Church offering	$ 1315.75
Church School Offering	40.28
Building Fund	1.00
	$ 1357.03

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Av. Monday, September 14 at 8:00 p.m. Worship and program by Miss Mildred Hartman.

CWS CLOTHING COLLECTION

Boxes are at the church entrances and you are urged to bring clothing by Sept. 20; collection will be made the 21st.

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PROMOTION DAY - NEW SEMESTER

Sunday, September 13, the fall semester begins in our Church School. Students will enter new classes, and the second perspective in our three year cycle of our CLC study will begin. This year's theme, , "Responding to God's Call". All students are to report to their former classrooms and will then be taken to their new classes.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME begins October 4. Watch for specific plans later.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Our annual Christian Leadership School, sponsored by Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, will be held for 6 Monday evenings, Sept. 28 - Nov. 2, at Simpson United Methodist Church. Mrs. William Love, of this church, will be dean of the school and Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will conduct a series of one night seminars on working with children of special need in the church. In addition to this series of seminars, there will be series of one night seminars on working with youth in the church, and a similar series in special areas, such as service, art, drama, music, libraries, and a Christmas workshop. There will be one class engaging in depth Bible Study. There will also be age level courses for those who teach children from nursery through sixth grade. Consult the bulletin board for particulars on any of these courses. See Mrs. Bixenman for registration blanks. Classes will meet from 7:30 - 9:30, and the registration fee is $5.00, or $1.00 per night. Registrations must be in by September 23.

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The '58 Class will have a picnic on September 20 and 4 P.M. at McMillen Park.

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CHURCH BOARD - 15th

The first meeting of the church board in this fiscal year will be at 8:00, Tuesday, September 15, and will begin with communion for all board members.

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EMILY E. FLINN HOME MEETING

The annual meeting and fellowship day at Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion, will begin at 3:00 this Sunday, Sept. 13, with Dr. Richard E. Lentz, interim executive minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, speaking.

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MEN'S RETREAT at Camp Barbee, Sept. 25-27. Cost: $14.00.

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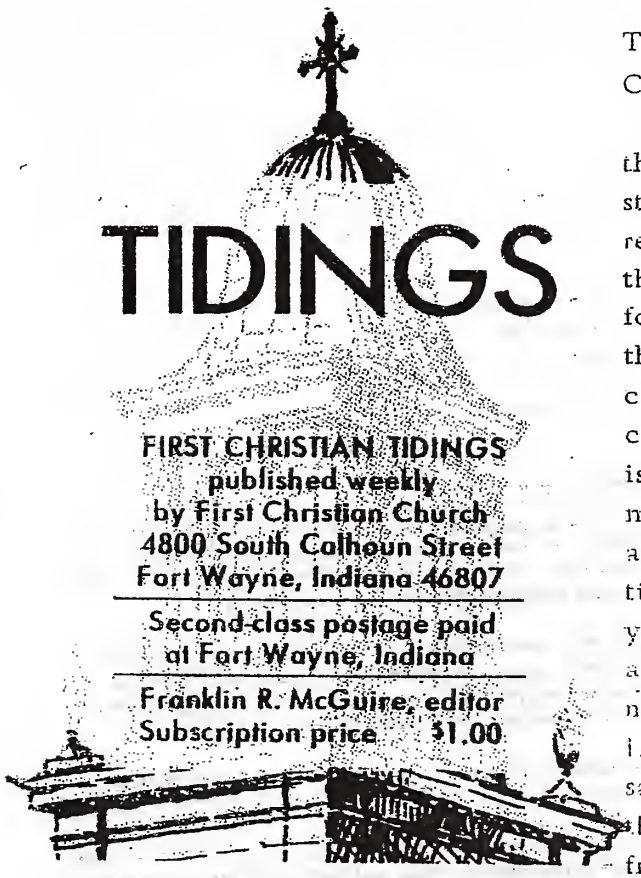

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September 15, 1970

To the general board, First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana:

Five months ago before a meeting of the church cabinet and elders, I read a statement of some of my concerns and recommendations for this congregation; this 4-page statement was subsequently forwarded to each member of that board therefore I will not review its specific contents. In it I did raise some of my convictions and feelings about this ministry, about the whole Church and its mission, and about my concepts, efforts and leadership. Now, at this point of time (which is six weeks into the fourth year of my pastorate here) I want to lift again these concerns, and to a very definite conclusion.

I. There are everlastingly the very pleasant and rewarding experiences within the church fellowship between Christian friends here is as vital for me as for any one else. I value the relationship of the individuals and families here, which has not been overdone to the abandon of other persons, but has been of satisfaction and strength to me - for instance, with each of the board chairman, and especially in these recent months with George Bruckman. Living in Fort Wayne is comfortable, and by-and-large, as secure as I have ever known; this makes church life contented and quiet - probably too much so! I am ever thankful for the involvement of persons who use their best in and for the church; this congregation is blessed in its wealth of leadership - which sometimes seems to out weigh its followership! Personnel of boards, chairmen and members of committees, workers in the church's school and Fellowship groups is perhaps at its best.

It is my special privilege to share and enjoy the ministry of this church in its program areas with Miriam Bixenman, and with the others who are such responsible persons in their capacities of direction and service. For these and other valid reasons, some good things are happening, and makes this a good congregation for a minister.

II. My concerns are comparable to these five months ago, but intensified. It is very disturbing to me that no real program of depth has "gotten off the ground" in three years other than the sound development of an outstanding educational program; we have no dynamic direction nor compelling objectives. (Page -2-)

Recommendations have a way of getting lost in lapses of time and/or communication, to lose their purpose or effectiveness. I sometimes feel alien in the theological climate that is more conservative than I might have suspected, fraught occasionally with episodes that contradict Disciple tradition and doctrine. Perhaps in the same sense, what I say in the pulpit fails to attract or agree with some of our own people. The decline in attendance and additions is of concern; that the major job of conversion by the church recently is that of the furnace is no encouragement; the lack of interest by several persons elected to board office, who accept the office but fail to serve in primary responsibilities, is weakening; and the fact that more than a dozen board members in the past four years and still living in Fort Wayne, have now dropped out of church-life entirely in this congregation, is alarming.

There are always some tensions in every situation, but the most frustrating condition is the general lack of acceptance and response, suggesting we don't know who we are, or why we are here, or what we are doing. Except for individual persons, neither the church nor I are engaged in community or civic affairs other than those of religious nature such as Associated Churches, as opportunities have come to light, responses have been negligible. The uncertainties of a time of transition within the Christian Churches in Indiana has caused some vagueness in congregations and the district, although I find reason for hope in the months ahead..

III. These observations, on both the plus and minus sides. have brought me to definite conclusions, for better or worse, and not without long, deliberate, prayerful and agonizing thought. It is my considered opinion that this has been a mismatched relationship, neither adequate enough for what is needed and wanted, nor effective or productive enough.

A. For these reasons, on the one hand, I am submitting my resignation as minister of First Christian Church, to be effective not later than Sunday, November 15, 1970.

I believe th[illegible] an apt time for a constructive change here, in terms of challenge and opportu[illegible], personnel and organization, finances and facilities. I think neither the church nor I can afford longer than these three years to arrive at the meeting-ground of doing our best together. I think there are things worse than death or war or divorce, and things worse than separation; so for the sake of the friendship and trust we have in one another, and for the largest value of the whole Church, I can relinquish the ministry here without any anger or bitterness, but with enormous gratitude for having been among you wit[illegible]y family, and entirely with great hopes and expectations for this congregatio[illegible]

As provided for in the constitution, I would urge the elders and general board to initiate procedures as quickly as possible to secure the next minister, by contacting Dr. Richard E. Lentz, executive minister for the Christian Church in Indiana, for help in this direction. I will not engage in any activity pertaining to personalities, but I will make myself available in whatever other ways may be of service, or by the same token, make myself scarce as is appropriate.

B. For reasons on the other hand of continuing in the vocation of the Church, I am accepting the invitation to become a minister of Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

This will be a different role for me, in-as-much as I will be serving in a team-ministry of the sixth-largest of our Christian Churches, with the title, "minister of membership" of this century-and-one-half old, 2,300-member congregation. I will have responsibilities in pastoral ministry and counselling, membership development, administrative duties in development of total program, editing publications, worshipleadership with occasional preaching, weddings and funerals, and other areas of church life as determined within a staff of five - ministers of education, music, evangelism, membership and the coordinating and preaching ministry.

I have not sought this or any other position, nor is there any financial gain in the move. The opportunity was offered only coincidentially during a time of several months' self-searching and struggle. I look forward to it with anticipation, and in keeping with my vows of ordination to the ministry of Christ's Church.

With affection and faith,

Franklin R. McGuire

A special meeting is scheduled for the Board of Elders on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:30 p.m. ALL members of the Church Board are invited! The purpose of this meeting is to visit with Dr. Lentz of the State office, as to the selection of a Pulpit Committee.

William R. Love, Chairman of Elders; George Bruckman, chairmen of the Board.

Officers Serving September 20

ELDERS: Cecil Rice; Myron Cole

Alternates: Cecil Rice; Hendricks Love

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: September 20

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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Church Attendance	223
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	$ 1028.82
Church School Offering	61.62
Building Fund	6.00
	$ 1096.44

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $ 1800.00

The '58 Class picnic will be held September 20, at 4 p.m. at McMillen Park.

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The Progressive Class will hold their picnic next Sunday, September 20, at 4:30 p.m. in Lions Park.

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PERSONAL MENTION

At Lutheran Hospital:

Larry Barnes, # 763, foot surgery.

Chester Norton, # 634

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WANTED !!

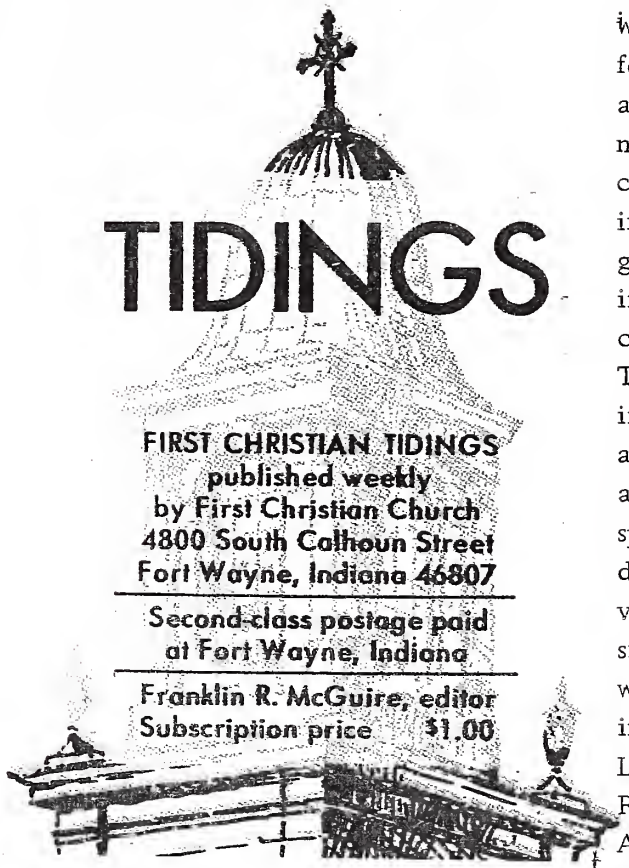
Models who sew, knit or crochet fashions for themselves. No experience needed. The CWF is in need of women to volunteer only their time to appear in a fashion show for the Mother and Daughter banquet. These ladies will be asked to model something that they have made and if they have a daughter, whom they sew for, we also would like them to model their fashions. This will be fun for all ages. If interested call Mrs. Nancy Wortley, 747-0905 after 3:30 p.m. for further information. Keep October 27, open for this event.

CHI RHO CAMP OUT

This Saturday and Sunday, September 19, 20, our Chi Rho Fellowship will have a camp out at Chain of Lakes St. Park. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and will leave camp on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. All young people in grades 7, 8, & 9, are eligible for this campout. Complete instructions are in the mail. Our ChiRho program for the next several weeks will be planned and new officers elected this week-end. Regular meetings will begin October 4.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The Christian Leadership School sponsored by Associated Churches, will be at Simpson United Methodist Church on 6 Monday evenings, Sept. 28 - Nov 2. Our Mrs. Wm. Love will be the dean. There will be classes for those who work with Nursery through sixth grade children. New this year are 3 series of Seminars, one for those who work with youth; another for those interested in special education in the church, (coordinated by Mrs. Bixenman); and one in special areas: service, libraries, art, music, audio visuals, drama, and a Christmas workshop. In these Seminar classes you may attend any evening, or the whole series as you choose. In addition, there will be a depth Bible study course, valuable for all Bible Students and for teachers. This class is limited to 15, so registrations should be in early. Fee is $5.00 for full 6 weeks, or $1.00 per night for those taking only one or more nights of a Seminar course. Registrations must be in by September 23. Contact Mrs. Bixenman for registration blanks. Some scholarship help is available. See the bulletin board for full details of classes.



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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL .... If you have not registered for the Christain Leadership School sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, you may register at the first class session on Monday evening, September 28, at Simpson Methodist Church. This is our leadership training for this year, and we, as a church, are involved in it, not only throughour support of Associated Churches, but because our own Margaret Love is Dean of the School and Miriam Bixenman is the coordinator for the Seminar Class on Special Education in the church. The registration fee for 6 nights is $5.00. The Church will pay this fee for any teacher who enrolls and complete the class in which they enroll. One may also enroll for just one night of a seminar class, or any number of nights, at $1.00 per night; $5.00 for the 6. Offerings include age level courses for those working with children in Nursery through 6th grade, a seminar course for those working with youth in the church (you can choose the night of your special interest) The special education seminar for those interested in retarded or gifted children and their families through the church, and a seminar including workshops in special areas of interest such as art, drama in the classroom, music, audio-visuals, and a Christmas Workshop. Besides, there is a depth Bible Study Class which should interest anyone seriously interested in truly studying the Bible. LET'S HAVE FIRST CHRISTIAN WELL REPRESENTED AMONG THE STUDENTS AS WELL AS IN THE LEADERSHIP ROLES.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4 - District Convention, Kendallville.

October 11 - Youth choirs and regular meetings begin.

October 14 - Project Commitment IV begins at Zion Lutheran Church.

October 17 - Chi Rho car wash.

October 18, 19, 22 - Classes in "Responding to God's Call", back ground classes for all who are teaching or adults who are studying this year's CLC materials in the Church's School. There will be classes offered Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Mondays at 1:00 p.m., and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. There will be 4 sessions for each class. Enroll in one.

October 24 - Chi Rho Paper Drive.

Officers Serving September 27

ELDERS: Eugene Klepfer; Ben Taylor

Alternate: Hugh Rice

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	William Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: Sept. 27; Oct. 4, 11

Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; Mrs. Paul Yentes

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September 20, 1970

Church Attendance	208
Church School Attendance	150
Regular Church Offering	$ 1260.81
Church School Offering	60.13
Missions	10.00
	$ 1330.94

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

Christian Women's Fellowship .....

Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ct. Thursday, October 1, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. W. J. Williams; Worship By Mrs. Virgil Montgomery.

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THE OUTREACH DEPARTMENT will show a 16MM color film, "Problem of Power" based on South American Missions, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, prior to the regular board meeting.

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World Outreach committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m.

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH NOTES: C.Y.F. will meet Sunday, the 27th, from 5:30-6:30 to plan for the Camp-out Retreat to be held the following week-end, October 3 and 4.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY 27th, 11:30, to select Pulpit Committee

ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 1970 convention of Christian Churches in District 1 will be held Sunday October 4, beginning at 2:00 pm at First Christian Church, Kendallville. A more compact program is planned for the afternoon, with no dinner or evening session. Howard Dungan, of the staff of Christian Churches in Indiana will participate. District president is Farrell Hoover, North Christian Church. Host minister will be William Redefer, who was installed as pastor at Kendallville on September 20.

BROADCAST TO OVERSEAS SERVICEMEN. Radio station WKJG invites families of servicemen in the Pacific area to broadcast personal greetings to their servicemen, to be recorded this Sunday, Sept. 27, at their studio, 2633 West State Blvd. Messages will be broadcast via International Short Wave at a later time, as a public service. Families in the area of our church are scheduled between 12:30-1:30, Sunday; messages of approximately 150 words should be written for reading by one person, with additional "greetings" from other members of the family.

PERSONAL MENTION

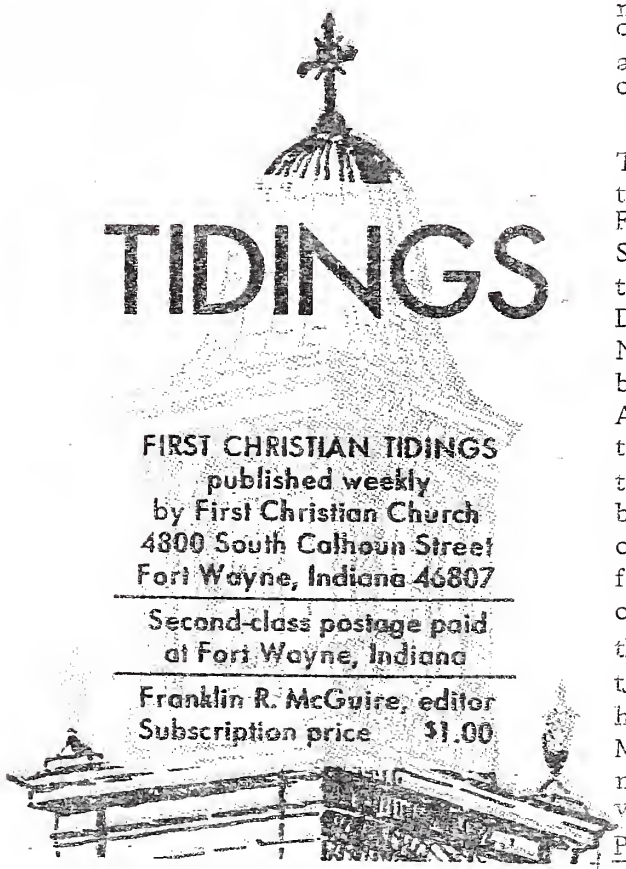
Sympathy from the church is extended to Mrs. Clair Buskirk in the death of her mother, Mrs. Orchard, on Sept. 19.

Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice are parents of a daughter, AmyLu, born on Sept. 20.

Mrs. Virgil Buchanan is a patient in Lutheran #689.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sell and Gregory have returned to Fort Wayne after two years' absence due to educational leave. Mr. Sell is dean of boys at Northside; they live at 1313 Stag Drive

Mr. Rufus Quinn has requested a leave-of-absence as elder until early 1971, because of work in Lebanon, Missouri;



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PULPIT COMMITTEE SELECTED . . .

Five person who are active board members or have just completed terms have been names to the pulpit committee, with the responsibility of recommending a minister for the church. Ralph Church and Andrew Cook were selected from the elders, Mrs. Harold Crowder and Jack E. Weicker were elected by the congregation, and Ronald Aker was named by the other four. Besides their offices of elder, deaconess or deacon, they each serve in other responsibilities, which make them especially knowledgeable for this important assignment. Mr. Church is finance chairman and for board chairman; Mr. Cook is church treasurer; Mrs. Crowder is superintendentof the elementary division of the church's school, and member of the worship committee; Mr. Weicker is teacher of an adult class; and Mr. Aker is chairmen of Community service committee. These five will select their own chairman. George Bruckman, board chr., and Wm. Love, elders chairman, are ex officio members.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH ASSEMBLY

The churches of District 1 of the Christian Church in Indiana will convene at First Christian Church, Kendallville, Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 PM. This district is made up of eight counties: Allen Dekalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley. The assembly will feature a film entitled "A World Apart", which all participants will view, to which everyone will have opportunity to react in small discussion groups. The business session will include the election of officers for 1971, a revision of bylaws for the district, and conclude with a time of fellowship. Mr. William Rodefer of the Kendallville church will be host pastor. Mr. Farrell Hoover of North Christian has served as President, with Mrs. Nelda Magnusson as secretary-treasurer. All members are urged to attend; and reservations need not be made.

PROJECT COMMITMENT - SERIES IV

The fourth series of Project Commitment the inter-racial, inter-faith discussion program for information and understanding of Fort Wayne race situation, will begin on October 14, and continue for six Wednesday evenings. Sessions will be at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna. Over 1,100 persons have participated in the first three series, from 79 congregations; this summer's youth series drew an additional 200. Brochures and registration blanks are available; advance registration is helpful to both the individual attending and the organization.

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The first 'CHRISTIAN LIVING ENCOUNTER" a 16 mm color film, "A Problem of Power", based in South American missions, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, prior to the church board which meets that evening at 8:00.

Officers Serving October 4

ELDERS: George Bruckman;
Kenneth Edwards

Alternates: Myron Cole; Wm. Caldwell

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: October 4, 11
Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; Mrs. Paul Yentes

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September 27, 1970

Church Attendance	263
Church School Attendance	162
Regular Church Offering	$ 1123.80
Church School Offering	65.75
Building Fund	3.00
	$ 1192.55

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. Mrs. Ogles worship leader.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, October 7, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Neil Allen; Worship, Mrs. Hendricks Love.

PERSONAL MENTION

The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of Ernest R. Shireman, who died last week; to Mrs. Clarence Hetrick is the death of her sister; and to Mrs. Glen Edgington, in the death of her father.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dorothy Merriman, in the death of her husband Solon E., on September 29. Service for Mr. Merriman, an elder of the church, will be at Chalfant-Perry-Klaehn's on Friday.

CYF PLANNING RETREAT

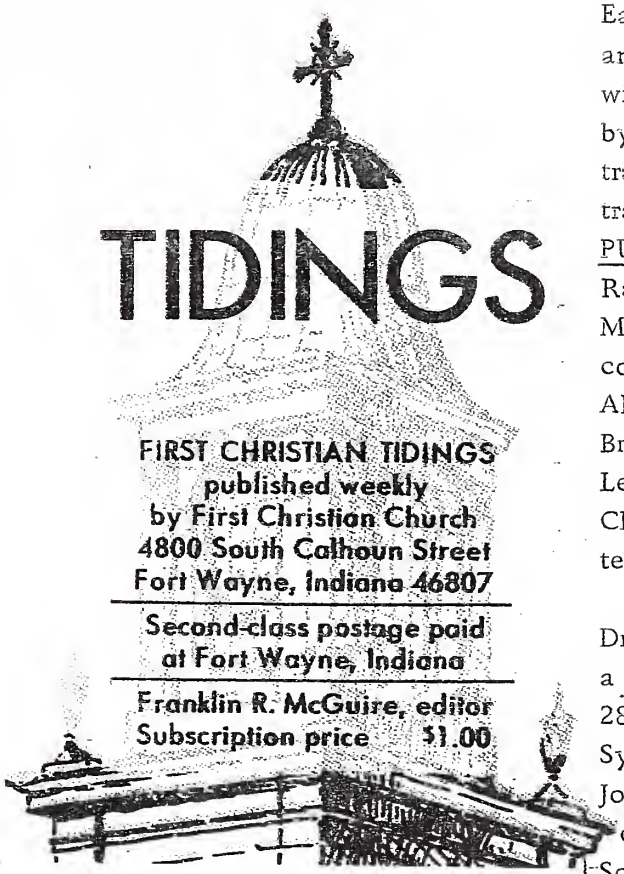
All CYFers who are going on the Campout this week end to plan programs for the year are to meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday noon and $2.50 to cover the cost of food and campsite. We will be going to Pokagon State Park. We will leave the park at 3 p.m. Sunday to return to the church. Going with the youth will be Mr. & Mrs. Walter Keebortz, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bixenman, new sponsors; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Crouse and Mrs. Miriam Bixenman.

CHI RHO's will NOT meet this Sunday October 4. Regular meetings will begin the next Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 pm.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

We were pleased to have enrolled in the Associated Churches Leadership School Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Juanita Dusing and Mrs. Ross Nierman. Attending other sessions of the seminar classes will be Ross Nierman and Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bixenman. Others may enroll in these one evening seminar classes. Next Monday these one evening discussions will include one on "Art in the Church" (Mr. McGuire will be guest resource person for this session) one on "Working with Senior High Church School Classes", and one on "Working with the Trainable Mentally Handicapped in the Church."

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME will meet October 4, near the Girl Scout area of Foster Park, 5:00 - 6:30. Parents are asked to come also for this meeting. Younger children are welcome. Each person should bring a sack lunch. In case of rain the meeting will be held at the church. Mrs. Hendricks Love will be sponsor of study; Susan Love will direct crafts; and Nathan Love will have charge of both worship and recreation.



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PROJECT COMMITMENT IV

At least 20 persons from our church have attended one of the three series of Project Commitment within the past year. Series IV begins Wednesday, October 14 at Zion Lutheran Church, Creighton at Hanna, at 7:30 pm. Fee for the 6 sessions is $5.00, or $2.50 for youth. Project Commitment provides an opportunity to see life through the eyes of others with emphasis placed on interracial justice. Frequently our attitudes are formed, then maintained because of lack of understanding of what life is really like for our fellowmen. By listening to others "tell it like it is", we can knock down barriers which prevent us or others from enjoying life to the fullest.

Column -2-

Each session will start with a fact-filled analysis by a top-flight speaker, and end with frank, open discussion of the topic by small informal groups, moderated by trained discussion leaders and aided by trained resource persons.

PULPIT COMMITTEE ORGANIZES ...

Ralph Church was named chairman, and Mrs. Harold Crowder, secretary of pulpit committee. Other members are Ronald Aker, Andrew Cook, Jack Weicker, Geo. Bruckman, and Wm. Love. Dr. Richard Lentz, Indiana executive minister for the Christian Church met with the committee on Wednesday evening.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble are parents of a new daughter, Linette Anne, born Sept. 28.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Z. Berlien, who had served the church as elder, who died Oct. 2, in South Bend where he made his home with his daughter for three years.

Sympathy is also extended to Bethel W. Breeden, in the death of his sister last week.

Robert Clipp is in Lutheran, Rm. 866

Other recent hospital patients include Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger in St. Joseph's; and Mrs. Ernest Tatman, and Mrs. Marie Stirlen in Parkview.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

being held at Simpson United Methodist Church, on October 12 will feature one night seminar classes on Music in the Church; Working with Junior High evening groups in the church, and Teaching the Educable Mentally Handicapped in the Church. Classes are at 7:30 - 9:30.

HOSTS FOR COFFEE HOUR, October 11

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Ripple.

Officers Serving October 11

ELDERS: Ray Fredericks;
Rolland Ripple

DEACONS::

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: October 11
Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; Mrs. Paul Yentes

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October 4, 1970

Church Attendance	213
Church School Attendance	131
Regular Church Offering	$ 1395.39
Church School Offering	55.31
Building Fund	7.00
	$ 1457.70

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr. Tuesday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. Worship by Mrs. James Heavin.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Dr. Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes; Worship by Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 4527 Lafayette Espl. Monday, October 12 at 8:00 p.m. Program and worship by Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd. on Wednesday, October 14 at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Don Parlette; Worship by Mrs. Donald Davenport.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT -CWF!
Will have a Sewing Day , Wednesday October 21, 9:30 until 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH NOTES

Something new has been added to our regular youth program. Each Sunday afternoon, at 4:30, the church will be open for recreation in Fellowship Hall for all junior and senior high school youth. COME, enjoy ping pong, shuffle board, volley ball, bad minton, or four square, or bring a table game and gather a group for that. The recreation will be followed by meetings for Chi Rho (Junior high) and CYF (senior high) at 5:30 each Sunday. This week Chi Rho will have a question box discussion and CYF will plan for Youth Sunday, October 25. Youth Choir will follow the youth meetings from 6:30 - 7:00 each Sunday beginning this week.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - Gayle Smith will lead recreation forthis group Members are asked to meet at 5:00 this week and bring 25¢ for crafts.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - October 24. Bring your papers to the church the week of October 18-24.

SECOND HOUR CHURCH SCHOOL now in progress. Kindergarten and Elementary I (grades 1 & 2) have begun second hour classes for children during morning worship. Second hour classes for Nursery (2 & 3 yr. olds) will continue, as will child care for babes & toddlers. Mrs. Don Morgan is chairman of arranging for parents to help in the Nursery; Mrs. James Ruble, for kindergarten; Mrs. Russell Wortley for Elementary I.

The Cross and The Switchblade - is the movie to be shown Oct. 28-Nov. 3 at the Embassy Theatre. Gen. admission $2.50. The movie stars Pat Boone and is a true story of a young minister who went to New York to bring the message of Christ to the street gangs. CYF members will have tickets, which, when exchanged at the theatre will bring a 50¢ refund to CYF for each person who attends.

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C. O. C. U. GROUP STUDIES

Representatives from several churches in Fort Wayne will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, at Plymouth Congregation Church, as the first session in a long-term study-discussion on the proposed Plan of Union, prepared by the 9-church Consultation on Church Union. These persons will become members of small discussion groups, made up of as many denominational and congregational segments as possible, to share their histories, doctrines, forms of worship, systems of government, etc., toward the point of becoming informed and acquainted. For several years the Consultation has been in progress, climaxing in the Plan of Union which is now being studied for two years. At this

From Column -1-

Significant time it is note-worthy that the Christian Church leaders are in key positions: Dr George Beasley is chairman of the entire Consultation, and Dr. Paul Crow is its executive secretary.

CWF MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

An interesting program and attractive decorations have been planned for the CWF Mother-daughter banquet, which will be held on Tuesday evening, Oct., 27, at 5:45. A style show will feature costumes made by ladies of the church. Those planning to be in the style show will please notify Mrs. Nancy Wortley as soon as possible (747-0905). Reservations should also be made soon with Mrs. Betty Grimm (456-7808) Tickets $2.25.

NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN

A new series of leadership classes for background information to help you in your understanding of the subject matter included in our curriculum this year will begin this coming week. Each of these classes will continue for 4 sessions (or 4 weeks). Four different times are offered for your convenience. Title of the course is "RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL". Classes will be offered on Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Mondays at 1:00 p.m., and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. Plan now to enroll at one of these times, beginning Oct. 18, 19, & 22.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ..

The special one night seminar courses sponsored by the Associated Churches at Simpson Methodist Church next Monday include: Drama in the Classroom, Working with Senior High night groups, and Working with the Gifted Child.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to John E. Merrill in the death of his father last week.

Officers Serving October 18

ELDERS: Fred Smell; Ralph Church

Alternates: Albert Powell;
Herman Weber.

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig*	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1
Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Mrs. Wm. Love

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October 11, 1970

Church Attendance	210
Church School Attendance	134
Regular Church Offering	$1911.57
Church School Offering	54.89
Building Fund	2.00
	$1968.46

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

COFFEE HOUR - October 18 - Host couple - Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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TUPPERWARE Demonstration and Vanda Beauty Display, sponsored by the Higdon Group, CWF. will be on October 28 at 7:45 p.m. in the church parlor. All interested persons are invited.

CWF Sewing Day, October 21, at 9:30- until 8:00 p.m.

EMILY FLINN HOME! Cartons will be in the church entrances to receive food staple items, tooth paste, stationery, or any other item which would be useful to the members in the Home. These articles will be taken to the Home on October 20.

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REHEARSAL for Mother-daughter fashion show will be on Monday, October 19 at 7:30. Bring a description of the items you will be modeling. If unable to come to rehearsal, please notify Mrs. Wortley, 747-0905 after 3:00 p.m.

YOUTH NOTES

Junior Adventure Time ... Meet in the Primary Dept. at 5:00 next Sunday for craft. Bring an empty spool of gift-wrap ribbon. The spool should be 2 to 2-1/2 inches wide and around.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP will meet at the church this Sunday, October 18.

CYF will gather at the church and will leave at 5:00 to go to the Meyers Farm for a weiner roast and hayrack ride. Bring $1.00 to cover cost of food and the ride.

CAR WASH - Our Chi Rho group is sponsoring a car wash on our parking lot this Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Donation is $1.00.

PAPER DRIVE - Bring old newspapers to the church during week of Oct. 18-24. but no later than 9:00 a.m. Oct. 24. Our Chi Rho is sponsoring this paper drive and will have a paper drive every 3 months during the year, so save your old newspapers. If you cannot bring the papers to the church, phone Mrs. Bixenman at the church to arrange for pickup.

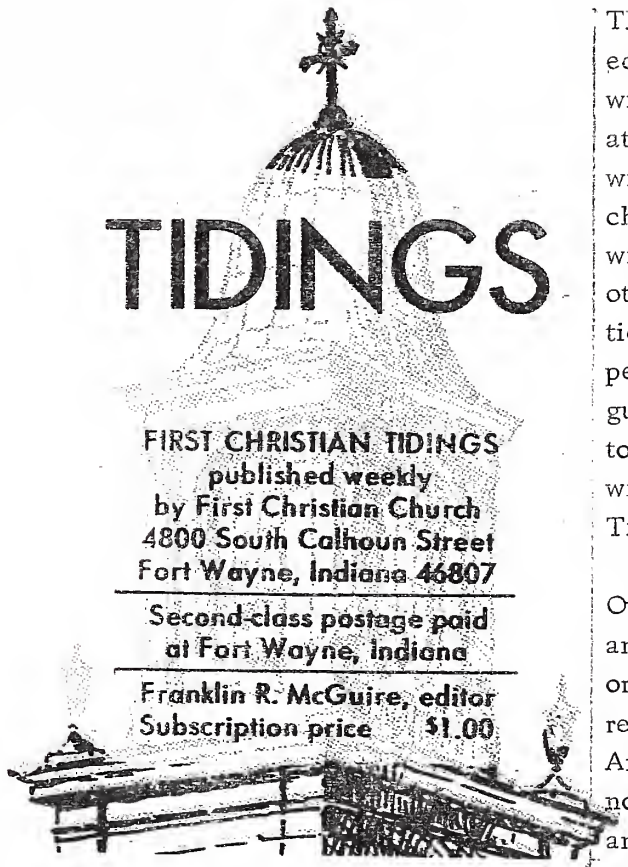
"CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE"

This movie to be shown at Embassy on October 2_ - Nov. 3. Get your tickets Sunday from any CYFer. Tickets $2.50. CYF will get 50¢ for each ticket sold when exchanged at the theatre. Tickets must be exchanged before the opening date.

PERSONAL MENTION

Recent hospital patients include Mrs. Robert Chevalier, Mrs. Fred Grier, and Mrs. Marie Stirlen. Mrs. Steven Yentes and Mrs. Wendell Glass are in Lutheran hospital.

UNICEF PROJECT: Empty Clark Gum Packs - save and bring them to the church before Halloween. A box will be at the door to receive them. This includes Di-et Gum as well as regular. These will furnish milk for children, and vaccine to prevent illnesses.



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YOUTH WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

The Christian Youth Fellowship, Mary Jenkins, president, will plan and lead the special service of worship this Sunday, October 25, which is the beginning of Youth Week; the Chi Rho Fellowship will assist in the service, which will be different from our usual order. A special setting will be arranged, and the music message, readings and prayers will be directly related to their theme, "What is Truth?" The young people are taking responsibility for all arrangements for the service at 10:30 a.m. including preparing and serving communion, and for the fellowship hour. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bixenman and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz are CYF sponsors.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Mother-Daughter Banquet, arranged by the Christian Women's Fellowship will be Tuesday, October 27, beginning at 5:45. A style show will be presented, with costumes made by ladies of the church; fashions, materials and sewing will be related to the Christian faith in other parts of the program and decorations. The dinner is being catered to permit mothers, daughters and other guests to enjoy the meal and program together. Reservations must be made with Mrs. Merle Grimm (456-7808). Tickets are $2.25.

CHOIR RECORDING ALBUM

Our very fine Chancel Choir, with Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette as director and organist, has been working over-time to record a second album of sacred music. Anthems were recorded on Sunday afternoon in a long taping-session, and solos and small ensembles will record at other times, with Bob Sievers of W O W O handling technical arrangements. The album will be produced and for sale later.

PERSONAL MENTION - Mr. and Mrs. Ronald K. Gerow (Jeanne) placed their membership in our congregation on Oct. 18; they live at 408 w. Burns, and have a young son and daughter. Mr. Gerow is associated with Reid-Holcomb Co.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Chi Rho paper drive will be this Saturday, Oct. 24. Persons bringing newspaper should have it at the church before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

SERVICE FOR BABIES AND PARENTS

The "rose service" for blessing of babies and dedication of parents will be on Sunday, Nov 1, at 10:30; Families intending to participate should notify the church office.

Serving October 25

Christian Youth Fellowship and Chi Rho young people will assume responsibility for preparing and serving communion for the Youth Sunday service of worship. Regular elders, deacons and deaconesses will not be used.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR, October 25 - Hosts will be the Christian Youth Fellowship, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz.

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October 18, 1970

Church Attendance	240
Church School Attendance	165
Regular Church Offering	1024.57
Church School Offering	55.93
Missions	10.00
	$ 1090.50

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $1800.00

TUPPERWARE Demonstration and Vanda Beauty Display, sponsored by the Higdon Group, will be on October 28 at 7:45 p.m. in the church parlor. All interested persons are invited.

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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

October 25 - November 1 is Christian Literature Week. There will be booklets on the Disciple Bible Reading Plan , a plan by which a person may read the entire Bible in a five-year period. Our Christian Education Committee is suggesting that each person begin this plan November 1, and continue each month. THE BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER IS THE BOOK OF HAGGAI. Read this brief but interesting Old Testament Book during November. Pick up your Bible Reading Plan booklet in Fellowship Hall this Sunday. In addition, Mrs. Charles Dilts has been asked to have a book table on these Sundays.

PARTY FOR TRICK OR TREATERS

Sunday evening, October 25, our CYF is sponsoring a party for all children in the first through sixth grades who come to the church at 5:45 to go "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF. Children are asked to come in costume. A party will follow at the church. Children may be picked up by parents at 8:00. UNICEF helps the children of the entire world in any country where that country itself gives a double amount to that received to help children. 15¢ can buy 100 vitamin capsules for a mother and child; 25¢ can buy a basic education kit for a school child; 50¢ can buy enough seed for 6000 tomato plants; $1 can buy a stethoscope for a mother and child health center. 1¢ buys enough vaccine to protect a child against tuberculosis, or 5 glasses of milk; 25¢ buys a baby chicken for a school nutrition project.

IF NO ONE COLLECTS AT YOUR HOME You may turn your contribution in with your church offering on November 1, but THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THIS OFFERING, OR YOUR CHECK, SHOULD BE MARKED "UNICEF"

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REMEMBER TO GIVE ANY CYF'ER YOUR $2.50 THIS SUNDAY IF YOU WISH A TICKET PURCHASED FOR YOU FOR THE MOVIE, "THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE" AT THE EMBASSY IN THIS WAY, CYF WILL GET A 50¢ REFUND ON EACH TICKET.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME members will join the "Trick or Treaters" for UNICEF Sunday at 5:45, and will attend the party at the church following UNICEF.

There will be no regular Youth meetings of any kind except for the ENICEF party.

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YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week extends from October 25 to November 1, with our church youth concentrating on the first Sunday having led the observance during the service of worship. Once again, our youth "came through" with genuine interest, ability and expression of both faith and concern. Worshipers experienced a moving and different feeling in the changed order of service, which had as its theme "What is Truth?" Youth participating in leadership were Steve Bruckman, Mary Jenkins, Barbara Love and Debbie Allen. Greeters were Kathy Bryan, Scott Rayl, Pam Meadows, Patty Wetzel and Linda Yentes. Ushers were Cindy Bryan, Jeff Frappier, Doug. Allen, Waller McGuire, Debbie Nordblom, Doug Olson, Bill Urich and Lee Ann Urich.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the church school rooms on the west side will be used as a polling place again for the November 3 election? ... That the tuberculosis X-ray unit will be in the parking lot on November 3? ... That a Red Cross class for expectant parents has been taught in the church for six Monday nights by Mrs. McGuire; this class of 16 couples is the third such series taught in the church by Mrs. Mc Guire. ... That Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Charles Dare and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks, and Mr. and Mrs. William Love are representing our church in the C.O.C.U. conversations?

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Luncheon and program is sponsored by Church Women United and will be at Trinity United Methodist Church at 12 Noon, on Friday, November 6. Call in your reservation if you plan to attend.

SERVICE FOR BABIES AND PARENTS

The "rose service" for blessing of babies and dedication of parents will be this Sunday, November 1, at 10:30.

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The CHURCH BOARD will meet on Tuesday evening, November 3, at 8:00

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

HOSTS for November:

Nov 1, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell
Nov 8, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice
Nov. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse
Nov. 22, Mrs. Helen Clymore
Nov. 29, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rayl

Officers Serving November 1

ELDERS: Glenn Miller; Rufus Quinn
Alternates: J.E. Weicker; Cecil Rice
DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: November 1
Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Mrs. Wm. Love

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October 25, 1970

Church Attendance	243
Church School Attendance	145
Regular Church Offering	$ 942.55
Church School Offering	52.62
Building Fund	2.00
	$ 995.17

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd. Tuesday, November 3, at 9:00 a.m. Program Mrs. Henry Flowers; Worship Mrs. Chas. Dilts.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest Drive, Wednesday, November 4, at 9:00 a.m. Program, Mrs. Earl Plummer; Worship Mrs. David Hogg.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Irene Cline; Worship, Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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'58 CLASS -- HOBO PARTY ...

will be on Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel Road.

YOUTH NOTES

Both Chi Rho and CYF members who have purchased tickets for the movie, "The Cross and the Switchblade" are to meet either at the Church promptly at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday, or at the entrance of the Embassy at 5:30 p.m. If you have not already ordered tickets, they may be purchased at the door for $2.50, but the youth groups will not get the 50¢ refund from those not ordered in advance. We will go to ATZ's following the movie for a "dutch treat".

UNICEF

To date our children have collected $103.50 for UNICEF. If no one came to your door to collect, and you would like to give to this fund to help children around the world, please mail or bring your contribution to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Clearly mark it "UNICEF".

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME

Meet in Junior Room at 5:00 for study. If you have not done so, pl ease bring an empty ribbon spool this week.

CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. Don Pomeroy is now serving as the new secretary of our Cradle Roll Dept. The Cradle Roll is a service to parents of children under age 2.

BIBLE READING PLAN

If you did not pick up your copy of the "Bible Book of the Month" reading plan from the free literature table last Sunday in Fellowship Hall, please do so and begin with us in November . BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER IS THE BOOK OF HAGGAI IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. Read the specified book each month, and in 5 years you will have read the entire Bible.

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Keep Sunday November 8 open; details will follow.

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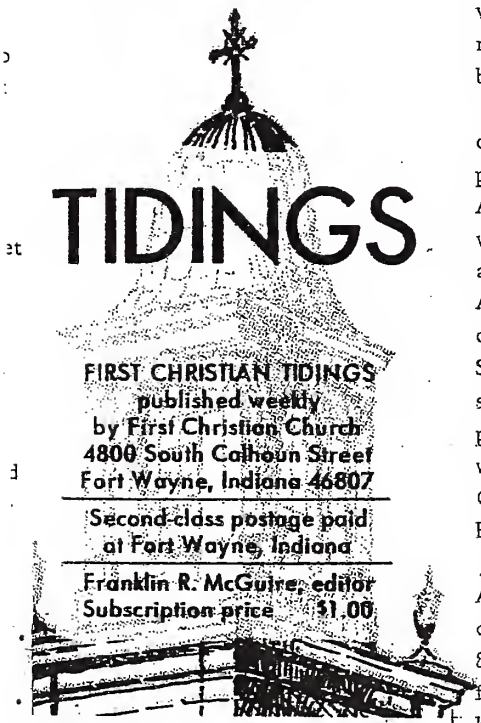

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THANKSGIVING PROJECT & SERVICES

Our church accepted a share in the Martin Luther King Center "Self Help" plan of Thanksgiving again this year, whereby local-limited-income families can contribute $3.00 to a Thanksgiving fund, then may 'shop' from supplies of food that have been donated by churches or purchased with the fund. Families of any number may join the plan, which is an effort to provide help yet maintain dignity for persons reluctant to accept total charity or unable to obtain welfare.

Our church is to provide 100 bags of mixed nuts. These are to be brought to the church and left in cartons provided by the committee on community service, of which Ronald Aker is chairman. These Thanksgiving gifts must be brought by November 23.

Members may plan on attending one of two services on Wednesday evening prior to Thanksgiving Day. Our Young Adult Class is preparing a service of worship in our church at 7:30, to which all persons are encouraged to come. A community service will be at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun, at the same hour, with several lay-persons from the churches participating; Mrs. W. J. Williams will represent our church in the service. Offerings will be for Weekday Religious Education through Associated Churches.

CARRY-IN SUPPER

A carry-in supper will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, November 8 from 4:30 to 8:00, at Shoaff Park, for all church families and friends to honor Rev. and Mrs. Franklin R. McGuire and family. You are requested to bring enough food for your family and your table service. Coffee and tea will be furnished. The pavilion will be heated. Come! join in the fun and fellowship.

BABY SERVICE

Children brought by their parents for "Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents" last Sunday included AmyLu and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice; Linette Ann and Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble; and Amy Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Zimmerman.

UNICEF GIVING

Total amount turned in by the children of our church for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was $105.00.

Officers Serving November 8

ELDERS: Hendricks Love, E. W. Klepfer
Alternates: Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: November 8, 15, 22
Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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November 1, 1970

Church Attendance	263
Church School Attendance	168
Regular Church Offering	1644.46
Church School Offering	63.45
Building Fund	5.00
	$ 1712.91

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave., Monday, November 9, at 8:00 p.m. Program and worship by Mrs. Charles Dare.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Walter Marks 4705 Lafayette Esplanade Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Floyd Morrical, 5303 Sherrill Drive, Tuesday, November 10 at 8 pm. Program by Mrs. Franklin McGuire, Worship, Mrs. Ronald Aker.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Don Parlette, 4006 Tacoma Ave., Wednesday, November 11, at 8:00 p.m. Program , Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Worship, Mrs. Merle Grimm.

YOUTH NOTES

There will be no youth meetings of a kind this Sunday. Instead, our youth are urged to attend the all-church picnic at Shoaff Park with their families on Sunday evening. The following Friday, November 13, the Chi Rho will have a hayrack ride and weiner roast at the Meyer farm. Chi Rhoers are asked to bring $1.00 to cover the cost of the ride and food and to meet at the church at 5:30. The weiner roast will be at 6:00 at the farm, followed by the ride. We will return to the church for a brief business meeting. Youth may be picked up at 10:15 from the church. There will be no regular Chi Rho meeting then on Sunday evening, November 15. CYF will meet, and will work on making some new banners for the church, including one bearing the new symbol of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

YOUTH CHOIR will resume on November 15, and will meet regularly thereafter, at 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

'58 Class - HOBO PARTY

will be on Saturday, November 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel Road.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Edna Mapel who died on October 29.

Sympathy is extended to John Merrill and family in the death of his mother November 2; Mr. Merrill's father di only last month also.

Ralph Reynolds is in St. Joseph;s, #363

WORSHIP LEADERS

The worship department is scheduling leaders from among lay-persons in the church to assist in occasional Sunday services. Ted Bryan and Merle Grimm have participated, and Ray Fredericks and Merle Rice will do so in November.

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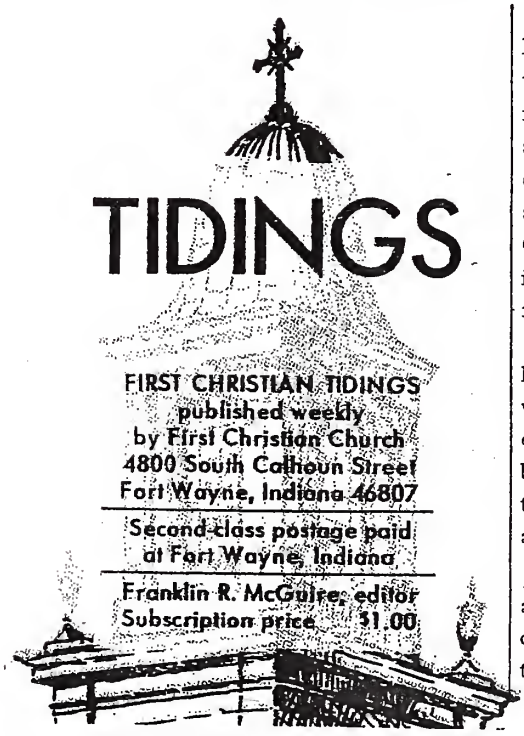

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PROJECT COMMITMENT RALLY

Each person who attended any one of the Project Commitment series, including the one for youth, is urged to attend a Project Commitment Rally on Wednesday November 18, at 7:30 at Zion Lutheran Church School, 2313 South Hanna. Over 1400 persons have been involved in the inter-religious, inter-racial community program.

NEW MEMBERS

Brenda Lee was baptized in a service of worship on November 4, and her mother, Mrs. Carole S. Lee, placed her membership in our church, coming from Central Christian at Huntington. They live at 4220 Kekionga. Apt. 1

James W. Bramel, 833 Ardis Drive also placed his membership in our church last week, coming from Berea Christian Church, Mr. Auburn, Illinois.

We welcome these into the church.

You are invited to

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

for three Elders

Ted E. Bryan
Raymond B. Fredericks
Dr. James F. Ruble

at T

Sunday, November 15, 1970
10:30 Service of Worship

THANKSGIVING GOOD TURN

Members are reminded to bring bags of mixed nuts to be taken to the Martin Luther King Center for inclusion in food from which local limited-income families may shop at Thanksgiving time. Such families join this "Thanksgiving club" for $3.00, then may purchase food for their entire family, regardless of size. Cash may be given to purchase other food not contributed by churches by November 23.

Officers Serving November 15

ELDERS: Hugh Rice; George Bruckman
Alternates: Kenneth Edwards; Myron Cole

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	*	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole		E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young		Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery		Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: November 15, 22
Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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November 8, 1970

Church Attendance	270
Church School Attendance	184
Regular Church Offering	$ 1598.53
Church School Offering	70.36
Building Fund	7.00
Thanksgiving Offering	15.00
	$ 1690.89

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
General Meeting

Will be held at the church on Tuesday November 17, at 1:00 p.m. The Gamboe group in charge of program and worship; subject "Consultation on Church Union." Kepple Group will serve as hostesses and Spice Group will serve refreshments.

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The Fellowship Guild are accepting orders for full pound perfect pecan halves. Any member of the Fellowship Guild will take your order.

PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations are extended to Louis and JoEllen (Ganter) Culbertson in the birth of a son, Andrew Maxwell, born October 26, 1970. Louis and JoEllen are living at 1717 Moore St. Apt 4, Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Ruby Boxell is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 203.

YOUTH NOTES

CHI RHO members and guests will have a hayrack ride and weiner roast Friday evening, November 13. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. and go to the Meyer Farm on Muldoon Road. Following the weiner roast and hayride we will return to the church for hot chocolate and a snack. Parents may pick ...rs up youth at 10:15. Youth are to bring $1.00 to cover the cost of the ride and food. Watch for letter in mail this week with full details. Chi Rho will not meet on Sunday.

CYF will meet as usual at 5:30 this Sunday. We will work on making banners for use in the worship services and elsewhere in the church, both at Christmas time and later, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

YOUTH CHOIR (CYF AND CHI RHO)
Members of this choir (and any new youth interested) will gather at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday following the regular meetings. Please bring your ideas for music you'd like us to sing -- or records. Steve Bruckman will accompany us with the accordian or guitar.

EARLY BIRD CHOIR (GRADES 4, 5, & 6)
An "Early Bird Choir" (Grades 4, 5, & 6) will have its first meeting this Sunday, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. Music for fun and for special occasions in the worship service will be sung by this young choir. We are especially interested in Christmas music just now as we look forward to the Christmas season ...athe... Please try to bring your child even tho' the hour is inconvenient. This hour will probably be for this Sunday only. Please watch your mail this week for opportunity to choose a more convenient time.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME This group will meet at 5 p.m. in Primary room for Craft. If you not already done so, bring 25¢ for foam rubber.

November 9. 1970

The supper oo Sunday eveolog was a deiightful affair, one to linger io our memories always, with gestures that we will continue to cherish and appreciate, and with full and mixed emotioos .

We are grateful to so maoy io our 'churcb family' for that memorable occasion; particularly to Sarah and George Davis, Judy aod Ron Aker, Deanna and Jim Ruble, and Virgioia, Steve and George Bruckman, who seem to have atteoded to so maoy details. There are always those like Margaret and Biii Love helping io the kitchen, pius all of the more thao 180 persons who hrought another deiicious meai. Even thougb it evolved out of our departure, everyone had a good time. It was a good time for us, in the most genuine sense of the word, and a fitting way to climax these years of living among you.

Your generous gifts are overwhelmiog! And like Uncle Wiggley's tall silk hat, they're"useful as well as ornamental!" The Toshiha cassette stereo will provide countless hours of pleasure and value; the Osterizer biender wiii make thiogs tasty - and who knows, may make me fat; the Oster coffeemaker will get us awake morniogs, and keep a cup hot for everyhody; the exquisite "praying hands" will constaotly grace of home or study or worship center. We shall remioesce about you, gratefully, as we treasure aod use these gifts from you.

The book of names represents persoos - and to have both signature aod good wishes from so maoy will hring to miod thoughtful persons.

Our house is ready for us, and will also be ready to welcome friends from Fort Wayne, at:

702 Portland Drive, Twin Oaks
Lexington, Kentucky 40503

The church where I will be servlng as sooo as possible after this last Sunday November 15, io Fort Wayne, is in the very heart of the city and easily reached by aoy and all who are io or going through Lexington. It is:

Central Christian Church
P. O. Box 1354
Short and Walout Streets,
Lexington 40501

Words are difficult to find to phrase what we feel. I like Anne Morrow Lindberg's in "Listen! The Wiod": "Ooe cao never repay in gratitude: one can only pay 'io kiod' somewhere else in life."

Affectionately, and with the prayer that God will bless you richiy as persous and as The Church,

The McGuires:

Franklin, Rachael, Waller, Melanie aod Kevin

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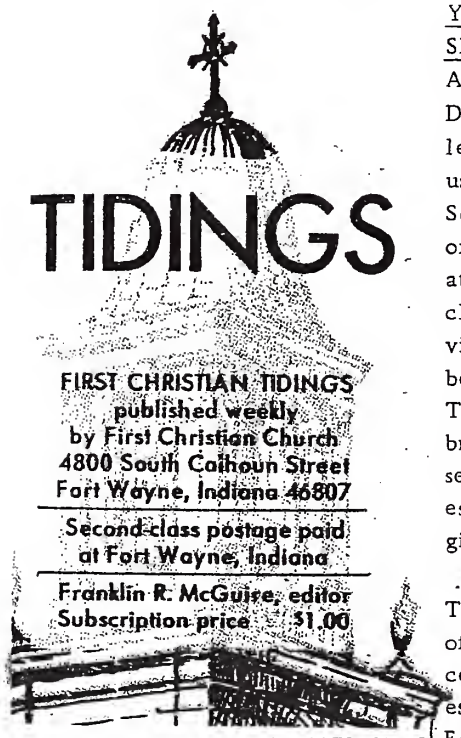

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GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

he Rev. Lozier Ziegler of Greencastle, ill be guest speaker this Sunday, Nov. 2. He comes upon recommendation f Dr. Richard Lentz, Acting Regional inister in Indiana.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING ERVICE for our area will be held on ednesday evening, November 25 at 0., at The Lincolnshire Church of he Brethren. Our Mrs. W. J. Williams ill be taking part, as will persons from ther cooperating churches. The South-oor P. T. A. Singers, which include everal of our ladies, will bring special usic. The offering will go to the Asso-iated Churches weekday religious edu-ation program.

YOUTH SPONSORED THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At the request of our worship committee, Dr. James Ruble, chairman, our college age youth have been asked to lead us in a special Thanksgiving Celebration Service here at First Christian Church on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30. Muriel Crouse is serving as chairman of arrangements. The service will be in Fellowship Hall and will be an impressive but informal service. The entire church is urged to come and bring friends. The offering from this service will go to the Associated Churches Campus Ministry Program on the Regional Campus.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This Sunday, November 22, our special offering for Thanksgiving will be received. This special day offering goes especially to the support of Christian Education causes in our Brotherhood, including development of materials, higher education, ministerial training, etc. A letter is in the mail from the Outreach committee, with an envelope included for your convenience in making your offering.

McGUIRE'S LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday was a sad, but in many ways inspiring day. It was Mr. McGuire's last Sunday with us. It was thrilling to have a full sanctuary and so many come down to the coffee hour following. Early Wednesday morning the McGuire's left for their new home and work in Lexington, Kentucky. Certainly our best wishes go with them.

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The annual Christ Child Festival will be held at the Coliseum December 4, 5, & 6.

Officers Serving November 22,

ELDERS: William Caldwell
Frederic Smell

Alternates: Rolland Ripple, Wm. Love

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: November22

Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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November 15, 1970

Church Attendance	321
Church School Attendance	185
Regular Church Offering	$ 1535.51
Church School Offering	65.64
	$ 1601.15

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

Hosts at the Fellowship Hour following Service of worship are: Mrs. helen Clymore and Mrs. Irene Cline.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. C. R. McMaken fell and broke her hip last week and is now in St. Joseph's Hospital, #352.

The church extends sympathy to Mr. Albert Egly and family in the death of Mrs. Egly who died Sunday, November 15 in Terre Haute. Services will be at Sloan's Funeral Home on Thursday.

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Mr. Larry Barnes is the new teacher of the Come Double Class. George R. Bruckman leaves this class to become the new teacher of the 11th and 12th grade high school class.

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DATES TO REMEMBER .....

Sunday evening, December 6, is the date set for the church's Christmas Family Night.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN's CHOIRS & MEETINGS

Permanent times have been set for the Children and Youth choirs. Both are a change, so please mark your calendars. Children's choir for grades 4-6 will meet regularly on Sunday evenings from 5 to 5:30. Junior Adventure Tim will follow this Choir immediately, 5:30 to 7:00.

The Youth Choir will now rehearse regularly from 5:50 to 6:00 p. m. and will include both CYF and Chi Rho. Members are to bring record or music they would like to sing. Steve Bruckman will accompany the choir on the accordion or guitar. Both Chi Rho and CYF meetings will follow from 6:00 to 7:00.

JUNIOR DEACON REHEARSAL

More Junior deacons; either boys or girls, are needed. Steve Bruckman, chairman, will conduct an instruction period for those in 9th - 12th grades who are willing to serve in this way, at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, November 23. Junior Deacons will serve November 29.

MORE MIXED NUTS NEEDED

Mixed nuts for the self-help program at the Martin Luther King Center are still needed. Our church has been asked to provide 100 bags of mixed nuts in order to add a bit of festive air to otherwise drab "Thanksgiving Dinners for those low-income families who, for $3.00 will shop through this Thanksgiving Club". Through last Sunday only 30 bags had been received. This Sunday, November 22, is the last day to bring your gift.

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Progressive Class Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12.

The Fellowship Guild will hold their annual Christmas dinner at the church on Monday, December 14.

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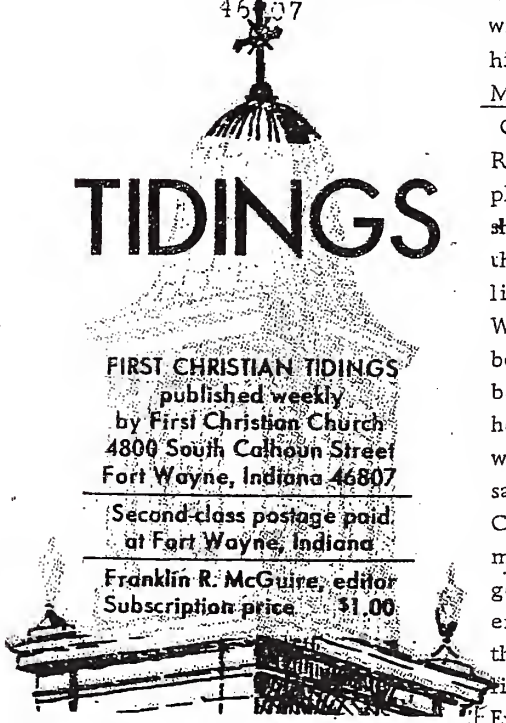

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INTERIM MINISTER CALLED .....

The Rev. L. C. Ziegler, who spoke last Sunday morning, has been called by our pulpit committee to serve as an interim minister until a minister can be secured to serve our congregation on a permanent basis. The Rev. Mr. Ziegler and his wife Betty, come to us from Celina, Tennessee where they make their home. Both Rev. and Mrs. Ziegler are natives of Indiana and Mrs. Ziegler attended South Side High School. Mr. Ziegler's entire ministry has been spent serving the Disciples of Christ Church in this state, except for a few years with the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis. The Zieglers will arrive in Fort Wayne on Friday and he will be in our pulpit this Sunday and will assume all pastoral duties during his stay.

MONTH OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Our Worship Committee with Dr. James Ruble as chairman, has been making plans for a full month of Christmas worship again this year. Their plans involve the use of families in the church for the lighting of candles on the Advent Wreath; the use of four different symbols as worship settings during December; a family-night on December 6, headed by our CYF, during which we will enjoy a fellowship "sandwich and salad" supper, decorate the church for Christmas, return the Christmons we made last year to the tree, worship together around the Christmon Tree, and enjoy fresh baked cookies and punch at the end of the evening; and a candle light communion service on Christmas Eve. We will learn later what we are to bring as our White gifts, for the Martin Luther King Center Self-help program. Watch TIDINGS for full information on this. Our church school will again feature a "Sock and Mitten Tree" for the Cleveland Home and our World Outreach Committee is recomending that we send one Christmas card to our entire Church Family, along with the money we so save in postage and cards, as a gift to be divided between Emily E. Flinn Home and the Cleveland Home for children. Christmas plans also include Christmas caroling for our shut-in members. The theme for the month will be, "Looking Back at Christmas Symbols".

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A MINISTRY TO LONELINESS - a message of one phase of the church's mission. November World Call.

Officers Serving November 29

ELDERS: Harold Crowder;
Ray Fredericks

Alternates: Ralph Church; Albert Powell

DEACONS:

Junior Deacons will serve this week.

DEACONESSES: Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13
Mrs. Herman Weber; Mrs. Earl Plummer

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November 22, 1970

Church Attendance	225
Church School Attendance	137
Regular Church Offering	$ 1165.06
Thanksgiving Offering	226.25
Church School Offering	256.25
Building Fund Offering	12.00
	$ 1659.56

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1300.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour following the Morning Worship are: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rayl.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Group Monthly Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8124 Corto Calle Dr. Tuesday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Charles Dilts.

The SPICE group will meet with Mrs. Fred Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane. Wednesday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain; Worship by Mrs. Earl Plummer. This is a carry-in luncheon.

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COME DOUBLE CLASS BOWLING PARTY will be on Saturday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brunswick Lanes on Lake Ave and Bypass. There will be refreshments after the game at the Ludwig home.

DATE TO REMEMBER ....

December 6, is the date set for the church's Christian Family Night.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

There is still time to get your Thanksgiving special offering in. If you were not here last Sunday, you may still bring it in this Sunday, using your special offering envelope, or mark another envelope "Thanksgiving Offering", or you may mail it to the church office.

Our special thanks are extended to Mrs. Edwin Allen and Mrs. Robert Ogles for the making of the beautiful Thanksgiving Cornicopia for the chancel.

NO YOUTH MEETINGS OR CHOIRS

There will be no regular Youth meetings or Junior Adventure Time this Sunday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, nor will there be Youth (Bell) or Junior choir rehearsals this week.

BEREAN CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY .. will be on Sunday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Bill and Marge Lehman's home, 4110 Huth Drive. This is to be a carry-in dinner. There will be a $1 gift exchange, man for man, and woman for woman. Set aside this date and please come! Join us for a joyous time!

PERSONAL MENTION

St. Joseph's Hospital - Ralph Reynolds room 363; and Mrs. C. R. McMaken in 352.

Lutheran Hospital - Mrs. Delores Young room 137, and Donald Davenport in 411 Mrs. Robert Neal has been dismissed from Parkview; and Miss Patricia Pusey was dismissed from Lutheran. Mr. Reynolds expects to go home this week.

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A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE .... For the month of January 1971, we hope with your cooperation to prepare and mail through the Tidings a complete calendar of church activities. These would be mailed out once each month. Groups are urged to begin calling in to the church office their January dates.

CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCH - 1970

In observaoce of our 100th year, the Worship committee has suggested the theme; "Christmas Customs - Looking Back" for the month of December. Many families aod groups are sharing in the planoiog to make this a truly meanlngful Chrlstian season in First Christian Church.

1st Sunday, Decemher 6 - The story and customs surroundiog the Christmas (Evergreen) Tree and the Advent Wreath will be brought to the congregation. The first candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted by the Carl Lazarro Family. This will be a 1S-20 minute program during the Morning worship service, with Jim Ruble as leader. The morniog's theme will be "From Darkoess to Light".

A Family Worship Brochure, including 4 brief family worship services designed for use as families light candles on their own Advent Wreath will be sent home witb children in the Church School. Two simply made Advent wreaths will be in Fellowship Hall for you to see how to make one for your family.

A Family Night supper will be held from S:30 - 8:00 p.m., including a "hanging of the Greens" to decorate the church. Chrismons will be returned to the Christmas tree. This eveoing of fellowship aod worship is under the leadership of tbe CYF.. See article elsewhere in Tidiogs for full information.

2nd Sunday, December 13 - The story and customs of Christmas with the yule log and white gifts as the setting. Hugh Rice will be the leader, reading a story of Christmas by Peter Marshall. The second candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted by members of the Hugh Rice Family. The morning's theme will be: "The Warmth and Joy of Giving for Christ".

3rd Sunday, December 20 - The settiog this Sunday will be Christmas Carols, with Sara Davis as our leader. The choirs will participate in a Pageant Service. The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lit by the Don Parlette family. The morning's Theme will be "Singing Our Praises to Christ".

Christmas Eve, December 24 - Our setting will iovolve candles and the candle lightiog and Communion Service, with our CYF members as leaders. The Russell Wortley family will light the fourth, or Christ Candle, on the Advent Wreath. Theme for this service will he: "Behold the Light of Christ".

4th Sunday, Decemher 27 - All candles on the Advent Wreath, except the Christ Candle, will he extinguished. Thls candle will be placed on the communioo table to represent Christ, His light aod Warmth. The New Year will be the theme, and George Bruckman will be leader.

* White Gifts: This Christmas Season, we have heen asked to supply new toys for Children-- infaots through 6th grade, for the Martio Lutber King Self Help Ceoter. The families who belong to the King Ceoter Self-help Cluh have many small children, and all of us are anxious for these children to know a part of the joy of Christmas. Other churches have beeo largely asked for food gifts, but we feel it is a real privilege to help supply toys for some of the children. Please bring your gifts, wrapped in white, aod marked whether for an infant, a boy, or a girl, and the approximate age, to the morniog worship service on December 13 so that they may be dedicated. If you prefer, you may give money in a white envelope, marked "King Center". If you cannot be here December 13, please briog or send your gift to the church hefore that date.

** - There will he a sermon by Rev. Ziegler at each of the Sunday morning services aud a hrief message hy Rev, Ziegler at the Christmas Eve service, in addition to the above scheduled events.

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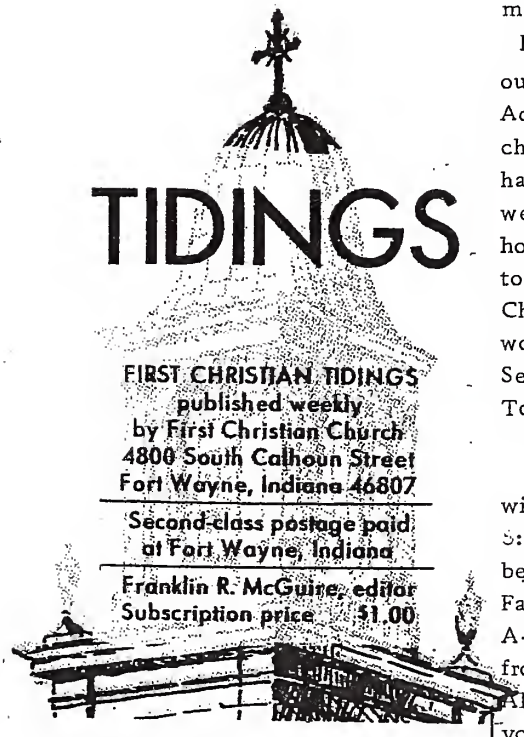

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR ....

With much anticipation my wife and I enter into the service of the First Christian Church, for this interim period. We have been graciously received and your friendly welcome has warmed our hearts. We must admit that new names and new faces in such profusion are confusing but we look forward to knowing you personally.

We have "settled" in an apartment in the Casselwood Apartments at Hessen Cassel Road and Paulding Road. 3302 Cheviot Drive, Apt. #2, and our telephone number is 447-1706. We will be pleased to have you come to see us and want you to know that your minister is as close as your telephone The last may be an over-used statement but still states it best!

It is particularly fitting that we start our time together at the beginning of the Advent season and we know that the charm and magic of Christmas will enhance our getting acquainted. Moreover, we trust that we may share a widened horizon, a deepened spiritual life, and together draw closer to the center of Christmas for every Christian, God's wonderful gift of His Son.

Sermon topic for December 6 "Allergic To Morning" Scripture I Kings 19:4

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FAMILY NIGHT, DECEMBER 6

will be this Sunday, December 6 from 5:30 - 8:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall will begin with a sandwich and salad supper. Families whose last names begin with A-M are asked to bring salads, and those from N-Z are asked to bring sandwiches. All food will be shared. Please bring your own table service. The church will be decorated during the evening; there will be a brief worship service led by our CYF. The evening will close with refreshments including warm cookies baked by our CYF.

If you have old Christmas cards (large ones) to dispose of, please bring to the church not later than Sunday morning.

PERSONAL MENTION

Gerald Elser is a patient at Parkview room 350.

Harold Henry is in Lutheran, room 340.

William Schilling is in Lutheran for surgery, room 562.

M.W. Driver is in Lutheran, 340.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of William Wetzel, who died on last Sunday.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY, Saturday December 12.

~~Officers~~ Serving December 6

ELDERS: Herman Weber; Floyd Morrica

Alternates: James Ruble, John Thompson

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: December 6, 13

Mrs. Herman Weber, Mrs. Earl Plummer

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November 29, 1970

Church Attendance	183
Church School Attendance	144
Regular Church Offering	$ 967.95
Church School Offering	60.80
Thanksgiving Offering	112.60
	$ 1141.35

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St., Monday, December 7, at 7:30 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. James Heavin, 304 E. Maple Grove, Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Robert Scott, Worship by Mrs. Elna Taylor.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Carl Lazarro, 4701 South Wayne Ave., Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 pm. Program Mrs. Larry Barnes,

The NELSON Group will meet for dinner at the church, Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. Program Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship Mrs. Harold W. Crowder.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will have their annual Christmas dinner at the church Monday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas program by Mrs. Ruth Eiler.

YOUTH NOTES

There will be a rehearsal of the Youth Bell Choir this Sunday from 4:00 to 5:00 and for the Junior choir from 5:00 to 5:30. Rehearsals will be over in time for the Family night activities. Other Youth and Junior Adventure Time will not meet.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The tree for your Christmas Card sent for the entire church family will be in the Narthex this Sunday. Please bring or send your card, with your money gift for the Emily E. Flinn Home and Cleveland Children's Home to the Church office as soon as possible. Your card will be in lieu of individual cards you would send to friends in the church; the money gift will be that which you will save from cost of cards and postage. Names of those sending cards will be published in TIDINGS.

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The Nelson group will have fresh Christmas Greens for sale again this year, including holly, wreaths, 'do it yourself' packets and garlands. These will be on sale this Sunday.

The Fellowship Guild has fresh pecans for sale. The Kepple Group have fruit cake for sale.

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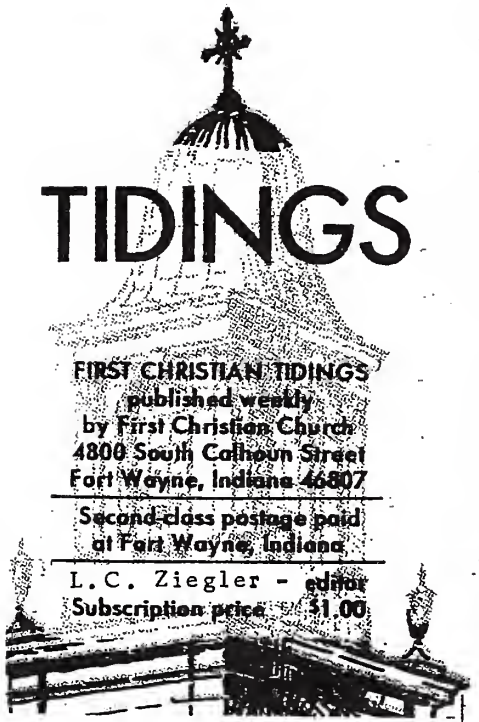
EXTENDED SESSIONS ... There will be no extended second hour session for Kindergarten or 1st & 2nd grade children during the month of December. Child care will continue in the nurseries.

COME DOUBLE BOWLING PARTY at Brunswick Lanes on 30 Bypass, Saturday December 12 at 8:30 p.m. followed with refreshments at the Ludwigs.

Berean Class Party Sunday, December 20 at the Lehmans, 4110 Huth Dr. This is a pot luch dinner. $1.00 gift exchange.



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SOME TIME AGO , there was a great agitation to ban further destruction of the two-thousand-year-old redwood groves in California. The governor made a very unfortunate remark. He said, "When you've seen one redwood, you've seen them all." But anyone who has ever had the privilege of standing in one of those groves knows that each one is a miracle, and a miracle is always unique. Some few years ago, I stood at the foot of the nation's oldest Christmas tree which was growing there when Christ was born.

Redwoods are a symbol of Christmas in their age and in their freshness. It is a sad thing if we ever come to the place where Christmas is just another repetition of the same celebration. It is always new and its oldness is one of the most exciting things about it.

Let us be glad that, when you have seen one, you have not seen them all, and and we shall look forward each year to the celebration of Christ's birthday with all the expectancy of children and with all the freshness of the morning.

SERMON title: "POWER TO RESTORE"
Scripture - I Kings 19:4

WHITE GIFTS

Sunday, December 13, is "White Gift Sunday". We are asked to bring a gift of new toys or money to buy toys, wrapped in white and designated "boy or girl" and the age on the outside of the package. These will be taken to the Martin Luther King Center where they will be given to children of those participating in the Self-help Club there. The toys should be for children from infancy to 6th grade.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH FRIENDS - GIFTS FOR CHRISTIAN HOMES.... Again this year the church is making it possible for you to send one Christmas card to the church for all your friends in the church family. In the card should be a gift of money, which you have saved by not buying Christmas cards and stamps for your friends in the church. This money will be divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children. Names of those sending cards will be published in the Tidings each week and your friends in the church will know you have in fact sent them Christmas greetings. Cards will be hung on the Christmas card tree in the Narthex.

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Officers Serving December 13

ELDERS: Donald Smith; Glenn Miller

Alternates: Rufus Quinn, J. E. Weicker

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: December 13

Mrs. Herman Weber, Mrs. Earl Plummer

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December 6, 1970

Church Attendance	241
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	$ 1229.65
Church School Offering	61.53
Thanksgiving Offering	3.00
Building Fund	7.00
	$ 1301.18

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1300.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Herman Weber and family in the recent death of his father.

Also, our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. J.C. (Pearl) Koegel who died last Sunday at age 90.

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Larry and Erin Rose Ganter in the birth of a son Sean Matthew, born Nov. 22. Larry & Erin live at the Davis Monthan Air force Base, Tucson, Arizona. 5840 "I" Street.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY ..... will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 12 at 6:30. This is a supper meeting. Class members may Bring guests. A $1.00 Christmas gift exchange will be enjoyed: women to buy for women; men for men.

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December 20 - CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CHRISTMAS CARDS have come from: Mrs. Elaine McVay and family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Crowder, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Linn, Mr. & Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. S.E. Merriman, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Children and others desiring to give mittens and socks to the boys and girls at the Cleveland Home should bring them the next two Sundays. They may be hung on the "Sock and Mitten" tree in Fellowship Hall.

GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon, December 13, members of the Nelson Group of CWF will wrap your Christmas Gifts for you - for a fee, of course: The cost of wrapping will vary from 50¢ to $1.50, depending on size of package. Husbands, particularly, will want to avail themselves of this service.

YOUTH NOTES

Junior Choir will rehearse this Sunday from 5:00 - 5:30, the Youth Bell Choir will rehearse from 5:30 - 6:00. Both choirs will perform at the morning worship service on December 20. Chi Rho and CYF will meet following the choirs. Junior Adventure Time will meet in the Primary room at 5:30 for crafts.

1971 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 1971 church envelopes will be on tables in the narthex this Sunday, Dec. 13; also 20th and 27th. During this time you are asked to pick up your box of envelopes. Please check your name on the box, as some account numbers will have been changed. By picking up your box will save the church the expense of mailing them to you. If you have trouble locating your box of envelopes, please contact Mrs. Vaught who is in charge of the accounts.

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December 13 - WHITE GIFTS SUNDAY

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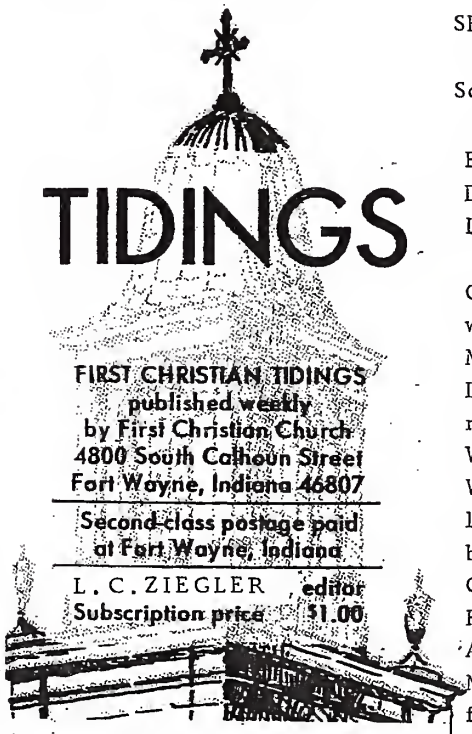

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"Robert Louis Stevenson said one time: "A happy man or women is a better thing to find than a five-pound note ....and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had lighted."

This is the season of happiness and joy. It is the time when we sing our carols and our faith glows with the consciousness that God has come into our orld in a new way. This is the time, ior Christian men and women to be happy and rejoice in the coming of the Lord.

For, in all the sadness that is to follow, in all the difficulties that we have to face, we have here, in the Christmas event, something that turns all our sorrow into joy and all our night into morning.

SERMON Topic for Sunday:
"CHRISTMAS RUSH"
Scripture - Luke 2:16.

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BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER IS THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS have come this week from: Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Davenport, Mr. & Mrs. David Griggs & family, Mrs. M. Bixenman, the Ben Taylor Family, Mrs. M. Wagner, the Dr. Ruble family, the Walter Keebortz family, Mrs. Elna Taylor, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mrs. Edna Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hetrick, Mr. & Mrs. Henry M Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs A. N. Shockney, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice Mr. Gus. Mueller, the Hendricks Love family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Leo Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donohue Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cole, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, the Ted Bryan family, the Nordblom family, Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery. Have you sent your card and gift of money yet? There is still time!

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SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTMAS SERVICE , sponsored by the Choirs: Beautiful music and Christmas pageantry will be seen and heard during the service of worship this Sunday. All the choirs will be featured as well as many of our young people. This festival of music will be followed by the message and communion. A fellowship hour , downstairs, will follow.

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"There's a song in the air! There's a Star in the sky!

Officers Serving December 20

ELDERS: Cecil Rice ; Hendricks Love

Alternates: Wm. Love; Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: December 20, 27; Jan. 3

Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Robert Ogles

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December 13, 1970

Church Attendance	238
Church School Attendance	169
Regular Church Offering	$1091.30
Church School Offering	74.79
Christmas Offering	7.00
Cards	79.00
Memorials	62.00
Building Fund	2.00
	$ 1316.09

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 1800.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour December 20

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Young Adults

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Quinn cordially invite members and friends to the wedding of their daughter, Julie and David Cooke, December 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Christian Church.

CHOIR RECORDS - Volume II will be for sale at $4.00 each; Volume I may be purchased with Volume II for $1.00 or the two for $5.00. Each of our soloists have solos on the second record.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ward Bundy in the death of Mr. Bundy this week.

Mrs. Walter Birkhold is a patient in 628 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Marilyn Engle Perrey is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, room 391

YOUTH NOTES

CHRISTMAS CAROLING .. .. Both Chi Rho and CYF young people will go Christmas Caroling together this Sunday evening. We will meet at the church at 5:00 and leave soon afterward. We will return to the church following the caroling for refreshments. There will be no choirs rehearsing this Sunday. Adults in the church who would like to do so are invited to come and go caroling with us. We will be caroling at, at least, one nursing home.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

This is the last Sunday on which our children and youth may bring socks and mittens for the tree. These items will be sent to the Cleveland Home.

WHITE GIFTS

Many gifts of new toys and some money were brought last Sunday for the Martin Luther King Self-help Christmas Club. However, if there are still others who forgot and still wish to contribute, they may bring their gifts and place them in the box near the door.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

The Nelson CWF Group still has Holly, a few wreaths, and a few decorator kits for sale. All are beautifully fresh.

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Junior Adventure Time are to meet around the Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall this Sunday evening to listen to a Christmas Story and have a 50¢ to 75¢ gift exchange. Boys to bring gifts for boys; girls for girls.

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HOLIDAY SMORGASBORD .... will be on Sunday, December 27 following the morning worship in the Fellowship Hall for single young adults.

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It is Christmas in the heart that put Christmas in the air!

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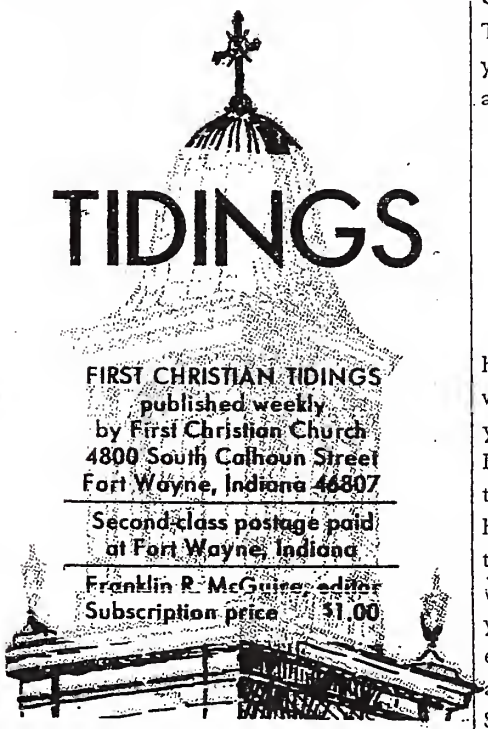

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Jeremiah writes: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11).

As the nation faces the New Year, there are many things that will give us hope and there are many things that will bring us fear. We shall look for the signs of economic progress and we shall scan the international horizons for indications of lessening tensions. But, after all is said and done, we shall turn to God who says through the prophet that he has plans for us which mean a hopeful future.

If we are facing the future without interest and without thrill, if we are conscious of nothing so much as of weariness and of continual tiredness, if every task

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the Staff
The Staff of First Christian Church wish you all a Joyous and blessed Christmas and Happiness in the New Year.

Rev. L. C. Ziegler
. Edna Vaught
. Miriam Bixenman
. Don and Vee Parlette
Rick Hendricks

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From Column (1)
has become a burden, and life a twilight with no dawn, somehow for us in this new year God can make all things new again. If we are carrying with us the burden of the past, if our mistakes are still our handicap, if the things we have done are the things which sorely hinder the things we would like to do, He can help us this year to know what it means to be forgiven, to rise above the past, and to begin again.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "What Do You See?"
Scripture Text: Rev. 3:8
Why not invite someone to worship with you this Sunday.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS - Mr. Mrs. Earl Fusselman, The Ludwig family, Mr.Mrs. Ernest Tatman, the Ralph Church family, Mr.Mrs. K.L.Edwards, Barbara Hendricks, Mr.Mrs. L.H.Higgins, the Andrew family Mr.Mrs.Herman Weber, Mr.Mrs.L.A. Horn, the Robt.Hendricks family, the Larry Barnes family, the J.E.Weicker family, the Russell Wortley family, Mr. Mrs. F.E.Morrical, Mr.Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mr.Mrs.H.Stevenson, Mr.Mrs. R. Nierman, the Chas.Hunt family, the Clair Buskirk family, Mrs. C.E.Merryman, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr.Mrs. Bethel Breeden, the Robt. Urich family.

THERE WILL BE NO "TIDINGS MAILED OUT NEXT

Officers - December 27

ELDERS: Eugene Klepfer, Hugh Rice
Alternates: George Bruckman
DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Herbert Banet
Romane Cole	Jack Sauerwein
Dempsey Weaver	Homer Stevenson
William Schilling	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: December 27; Jan. 3
Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Robert Ogles

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December 20, 1970

Church Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	172
Regular Church Offering	$ 3228.61
Church School Offering	227.51
Christmas Offering	268.50
Christmas Cards	84.00
Memorials	100.00
Building Fund	12.00
	$ 3920.62

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
$ 1800.00=

Hosts for Fellowship Hour December 27 -
Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Young Adults

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PERSONAL MENTION

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Lutheran Hospital : Mrs. Ethel Allen is in room 897 with broken arm.
erle Grimm is a patient in Rm. 402
ist is in Rm. 663
Henry is a patient in # 466.
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YOUTH NOTES

There will be no meetings for youth ot youth and children's choirs this Sunday due to the Christmas holidays.

We were pleased to have 25 youth and their sponsors sing Christmas Carols to 9 of our Shut-in, ill, or bereaved last Sunday evening. We visited one Nursing Home, singing carols and bringing joy .

SOCK AND MITTEN REPORT .. The children of our Church School brought 31 pairs of mittens and 30 pairs of socks and one baby bonnet. These have been sent to the Cleveland Home for children.

YOUNG ADULT SMORGASBORD ... This Sunday, December 27, following the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, there will be a smorgasbord for all single young adults in the church. College students, home for the holidays are invited as special guests. Come, enjoy the food, and renew old acquaintances!

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH .... Is THE GOSPEL according to MATTHEW. HAVE YOU READ IT YET? Remember, by reading the Bible Book each month, You will have read your complete Bible in just five years.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. John Hoop, 3920 Bowser Ave., Tuesday January 5, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Edwin Allen; Worship by Mrs. Hoop.

The SPICE Group will meet wuth Mrs. Hendricks Love, 4910 Bowser, Wednesday, January 6, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. David Ho gg; Worship by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. W.J. Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun, Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 P.M.

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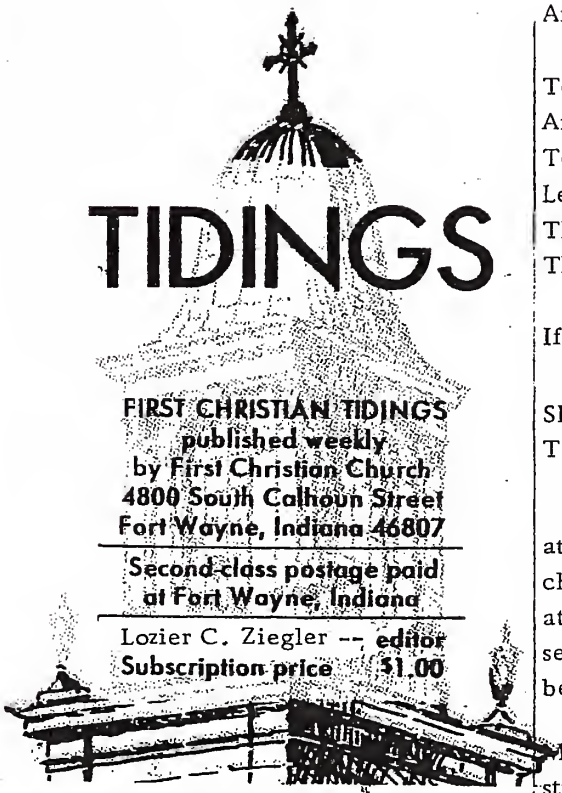

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

As I write these words, there are three hundred and sixty days remaining in 1971. I hope that the first five days of the new year indicate for you a year of happiness and achievement.

I lay no claim to being a poet but often spend some moments in poetic fancy. May I share the following lines of verse that I wrote for myself recently, in the expectation that they may have some meaning for you!

"What does this year hold for me?
Ah, optimism is the key!
To shove aside the walls of doubt
And let the gifts of God flow out;
To grasp more firmly each new day
And fill it well with work and play;
To sing a song where none is heard
And heal weary hearts with a pleasant word;
To give back more than I receive
And share with others what I believe;
To work humbly with my brothers --
Less thought of self and more of others.
Thus I'll find the blessings
That the new year holds for me."

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If you would have less daily care,
have more daily prayer.

SERMON - "You Have Met Christ"
Text: John 3: 1-3; Hebrews 2: 7-9

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at a salad luncheon. All women of the church are invited. Those planning to attend are to bring a salad and her table service. Meat, rolls, and beverages will be provided.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Harvey Smelser suffered a slight stroke and is in the Medical Center of America, Phoenix Arizona, 85250; rm. 525.

A girl, Jodi, was born January 3, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris. Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Campbell are the grandparents.

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1971 CHURCH ENVELOPES: We would like to suggest that you use your envelopes whenever possible in giving your tithes and offerings. And, please do not use any sort of gummed tape for sealing. Thanks you for your cooperation

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CHRISTMAS CARDS - were received from: Mr. Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, Mrs. Mary Martindale, Mrs. W. J. Conrad, Mr. Mrs Bert Leversee, Mr. Mrs. Vernon Moore, the Bruckman family, Mr. Mrs. Merle Rice, Mr. Mrs. John Brooks, Mrs Gene Shirley, the Robert Johnson family.

Officers Serving January 10

ELDERS: William Love, Harold Crowder

Alternates: Fred Smell, Ralph Church

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: January 10, 17, 24

Mrs. Rufus Quinn; Mrs. John Merrill

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January 3, 1971

Church Attendance	239
Church School Attendance	132
Regular Church Offering	1117.52
Church School Offering	54.65
Christmas	5.00
Building Fund	14.05
	$ 1191.22

Amount due Memoriql Trust Fund ...
$ 600.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour on January 10 are: Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma Ave Monday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. Program and Worship, Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Opal Perkins, 729 Union St. Tuesday January 12 at 1:00 p.m. Program: Mrs. Walter Marks; Worship, Mrs. Merland Heller.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 SandPoint Rd. Tuesday, January 12, at 8:00 pm Program, Mrs. Edwin Hall, Worship, Mrs. Yentes.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Merle Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Ter. Wednesday, January 13, at 8:00 pm. Program, Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, Worship Mrs. Miriam Bixenman.

"WHO ARE THE DISCIPLES" CLASSES

Many have suggested that it would be well to study the basic doctrine of the Disciples of Christ. The Christian Education committee has now arranged to offer a series of such classes. We urge as many of our people as possible to enroll in one of these. Each class will meet a total of 4 hours. The schedule of classes are: Sundays - 8 to 9 A.M. beginning January 10, Miriam Bixenman teacher; Sundays - 5 to 7, January 17 & 24, Edna Vaught, teacher; Mondays - 1 to 3 pm - January 11 & 25, Miriam Bixenman, teacher; Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. January 11 & 18, Hugh Rice teacher; Saturday 1 to 5 P.M. January 16, Miriam Bixenman, teacher.

YOUTH NOTES

Both Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Sunday. CYF will work on their program for the coming months. Chi Rho will discuss the topic, "What is The Bible?" Youth Choir will meet at 5:30 to 6:00, with Chi Rho and CYF meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Adventure Time will be at 5:30 in the Chapel, with program and worship. Junior Choir will meet from 5:00 to 5:30.

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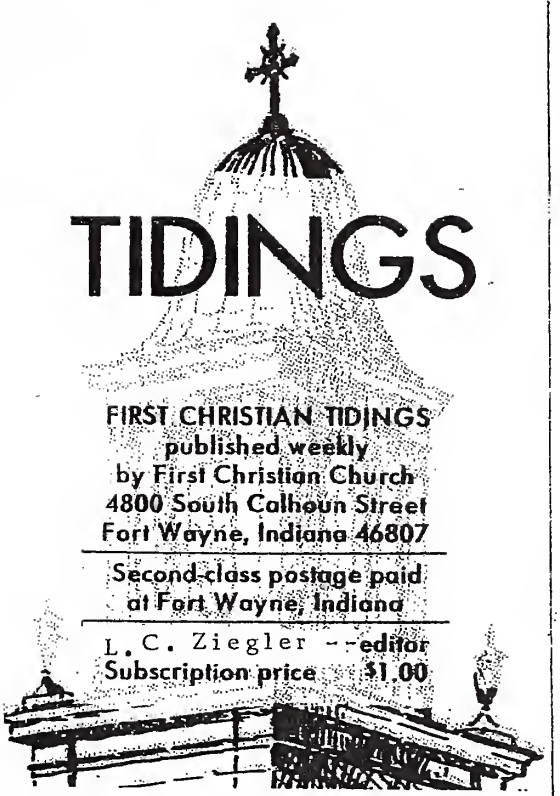
WOMAN'S DAY - JANUARY 17

The Christian Women's Fellowship will observe 'Woman's Day' on Sunday, Jan. 17, at the worship hour. Mrs. Harold (Ruth) Johnson of Huntington will be guest speaker. Mrs. Johnson has worked in woman's work at the district and state levels, serving as CWF District chairman; State Treasurer for State CW and has served as president of the Ind. State Board. She is now serving in various capacities and on committees at the national level.

Following the morning worship service the women will honor Mrs. Johnson



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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

BROKEN CISTERNS

Many centuries ago Jeremiah spoke to the people. "Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13)

Jeremiah is speaking to us today. In our world we are subject to many pressures, many anxieties, much seeking. All too often we rely on "broken cisterns" shallow aims and weak convictions - to supply us with the water of life. We have fought wars and won no peace, pleaded for better housing but neglected the home, created more manpower, but ignored the spiritual needs of men. And now we are facing the conquest of space without having first learned how to cope with the world on which we live. It is urgent that we dig again for the well of living water, an abiding faith in God and His power to answer our every need. It is of first importance that we weigh the essentials of life and establish a firm belief in the everlasting values of truth justice, honesty and understanding, "to love mercy and walk humbly with God.

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WOMAN's DAY SUNDAY

The theme: INVESTMENT BEYOND MEASURE. Mrs. Harold Johnson, of Huntington will be guest speaker.

A salad luncheon is being arranged to follow the morning worship service in Fellowship Hall, in honor of Mrs. Johnson. Women are asked to bring their favorite salad and remain for the luncheon. Meat, rolls and beverages will be furnished.

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PERSONAL MENTION - Mrs. Anna Tracey is a patient in Parkview Hospital, # 328.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. Paul Wilcoxson and family in the recent death of Mr. Wilcoxson's mother.

CHURCH MEMORIALS

The Church has received funds as memorials which have been used for books for the church library: In memory of Mrs. Ray Woodhull: The New English Bible with the Apocrypha", "Abingdon Bible Commentary" and "Great Lion of God". In memory of Mr. Merriman: "Christian Worship, A Service Book" and J. B. Phillips, New Testament" For Mrs. Edna Mapel, the new Bible

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Officers Serving January 17

ELDERS: Albert Powell, Herman Weber

Alternates: F.E.Morrical, J.F.Ruble

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M.O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: January 17, 24

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. John Merrill

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January 10, 1971

Church Attendance	316
Church School Attendance	166
Regular Church Offering	$ 1421.91
Church School Offering	68.40
Memorials	5.00
Building Fund	3.00
	$ 1497.31

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 600.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour on January 17 Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Williams.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Omer Guingrich was a patient in Parkview. He has now gone home.

Mrs. Kenneth Lytle is a patient at the Lutheran Hospital, # 673.

Mrs. A.N. Shockney has gone home after spending several days in the hospital with a fractured arm.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Frank Vernor and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Hunt, who was a member of this church. Mrs. Hunt died Tuesday of this week; burial was Thursday at Decatur.

The sympathy of the church is also extended to Mrs. Ansel Gaskill and family in the recent death of Mr. Gaskill.

CHRISTMAS CARDS were received from Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Mowery and the Ronald Aker family.

WHO ARE THE DISCIPLES CLASSES

To date, three of the classes on "Who Are the Disciples?" have begin, with an enrollment of 28 persons. Two more sections are still to begin, one this Saturday, January 16a four hour one day class from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. tbe other will meet this Sunday, January 17 and again on the 24th, from5:00 to 7:00, during the hours of the regular youth meetings, to make it especially convenient for parents. Can we make it 50 persons enrolled in all?

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is again sponsoring a paper drive the week of January 17-23. Please bring your papers to the church, placing them in Fellowship Hall, anytime within this period. Papers must be here by 9 a.m. Saturday, January 23, if they are to be sold in this drive. Chi Rhoers will appreciate any help you can give them. If you simply cannot get your papers to the church, please call the church office by Wednesday, January 20, to arrange for pick up.

YOUTH NOTES

Youth Choir will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Chi Rho and CYF will have their meetings at 6:00 p.m. Chi Rho will have a "Bible Spell Down Debbie Nordblom will lead worship, Barbara Taylor and LeeAnn Urich will provide refreshments. CYF will complete their plans for the coming month Junior Adventure Time will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 , for recreation

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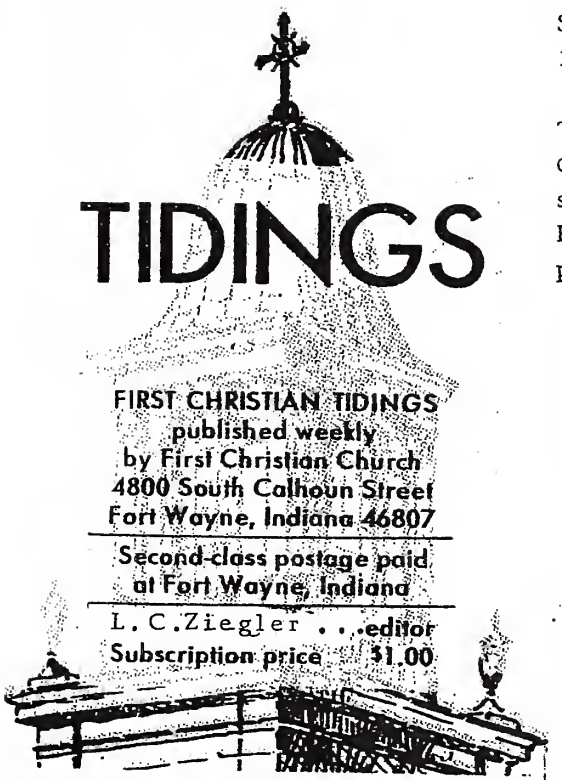
MEMORIALS - (Continued)

for the Pulpit; In memoryof Mrs. Ann Egly, MacMillan's Bible Atlas" and "Captives of The Word"; for Mrs. Koegel, Websters Unabridged Dictionary, latest Edition.



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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Recently I read the following: "It has been estimated that an average American of 70 years of age has spent 6 years eating, 11 working, 8 amusing himself, 24 sleeping, 5-1/2 washing and dressing, 3 talking .. and 6 months in church." This doesn't represent much of our time involved in the single most important activity in our lives. It is not enough to take church membership casually, in just being present once in a while. A number of years ago a book was published under the title, "Jesus, Now and Then." To many church members that is what the Christian religion means: Now and Then. And that isn't enough for your church, or for you.

SERMON: January 24 - "I Am the Way"
Scripture Text: John 14: 5, 6; Romans 1: 15, 16.

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The Choir Recordings, released at the Christmas Time, Volume II, are on sale each Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. These sell for $4.00, or you may purchase one each of Volumes I & II for $5.00.

First Christian Sanctuary Choir will host an "Ecumenical Sing" on this Thursday evening, January 21, at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Several area church choirs will bring special numbers . Members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

The Come-Double Class , at a recent meeting, elected their new officers for 1971: President, Charles Ludwig; Vice-president, Romane Cole; Secy-Treas. Herbert Banet; Class teacher, Larry Barnes.

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Listed below are the names of those who attended classes on "Who Are The Disciples ....": Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Aker, Larry Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bixenman, Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mrs. Helen Clymore, Harold Crowder, Mrs. Donald Davenport, Mrs. Charles Dilts, Mrs. Thomas Frappier, Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, Walter Keebortz, Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Love, Nathan Love, Susan Love, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Love, Glenn Miller, Dr James Ruble, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman, Mrs. Mary Wagner, J. E. Weicker, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Miss Fay Woodhull. Leaders were: Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Officers Serving January 24.

ELDERS: John Thompson; Donald Smith
Alternates: Glenn Miller; Rufus Quinn
DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: January 24
Mrs. Rufus Quinn; Mrs. John Merrill

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January 17, 1971

Church Attendance	106
Church School Attendance	133
Regular Church Offering	$ 1199.21
Church School Offering	50.12
	$ 1247.33

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $ 600.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour January 24, Mr. and Mrs. William Love.

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ATTENTION: Church Committees and Departments; classes and other groups: We will endeavor to print a calendar of church events for February, but it will be necessary for the above groups to call the office with information regarding date, time and place of the meetings. This will be published on the inside of "Tidings" once each month, for as long a time as information is made available. . Mrs. Vaught is the person to contact. This information , for February, must be in by the week of January 24.

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WHO ARE THE DISCIPLES, CLASSES
Sunday, January 24, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Monday afternoon, January 25, 1 to 3.

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"When it comes to doing for others, some people stop at nothing."
--copied.

YOUTH NOTES

This Sunday, at the Morning Worship Service, the CYF will present to the church, two banners which they have made. One is the new emblem of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), adopted by our brotherhood only last March, and the other is one designed by our own CYF.

Youth Choirs will rehearse at 5:30 p.m. Sunday; at 6:45 CYF and Chi Rho will leave the church to attend the Interdenominational youth meeting, featuring a talk by Nicky Cruz, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Nicky Cruz. star of the movie, The Cross and the Switchblade", will tell about his life as leader of a New York Teenage street gang and his work now as a Christian, going from a world in which no one cared to a world in which he, through Christ, learned to care for others.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

If you have papers you wish to donate to our Chi Rho Fellowship paper drive, be sure to bring them to the church (Fellowship Hall) before 9 a.m. this Saturday, January 23. Papers are to be sold at that time. If you cannot get your papers to the church before that time, call Mrs. Bixenman in the churc office for pick-up service. We will appreciate your help.

Junior Adventure Time will meet for worship in the church chapel this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

You are asked to save Sunday afternoo January 31, for a tobogganing party at Pokagon State Park. This party will be for both Chi Rho and CYF.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Hendricks Love has been at hom with a back injury.

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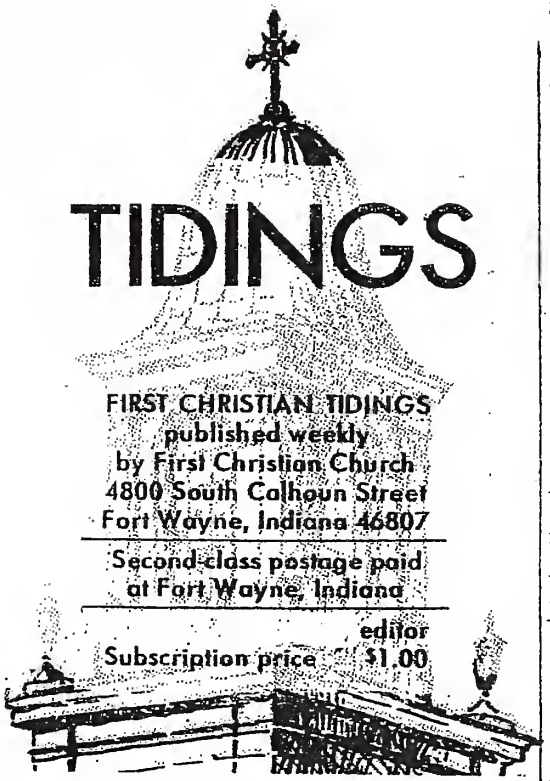

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A long time ago, a missionary was baptizing a tribal chieftain in the islands northwest of Europe. At the conclusion of the sacrament, the missionary unknowingly dropped his staff with a pointed tip on the foot of the chief. The man did not flinch or say a word. When the ceremony was over, the missionary saw that the man's foot was bleeding, and he apologized. The chieftain only said:"I thought this was part of it."

This story recounted by George Tittman in "Is Religion Enough?" is a sermon in itself. Contrast this man's reaction with the modern convert's attitude. We play down all cost, all suffering, all demands, Probably that is the reason we have so little devotion and power.

SERMON: "DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS."

Scripture text: Colossians 1: 9 - 14.

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"The special historic significance to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is Unmistakable. Louisville sits right in the lap of a region in which a movement, a brotherhood and a church were born. You might say that it's in the cradle of our heritage."

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CALLING A MINISTER!

When a church is looking for a pastor it is often referred to as "hiring a minister" A minister is not a hireling... the Ministry is a sacred vocation, dedicated to the inspiration and leadership of the members of the congregation in Church fellowship, world brotherhood, and Christian living.

How does the Church make contact with the right man? The Pulpit Committee may receive from the State office a list of men possibly available with complete information about their training, their experience and personal qualities. Personal interviews are held and the committee visits the man they feel will meet the needs of the church to hear him in his own pulpit. When both parties agree, the Pulpit committee reports to the church board for a recommendation to the congregation for a vote to extend the Call. This may take 3 or 4 months to bring about and when a man is called he normally must serve his church for at least sixty days before he can move. Our committee is following the right course of action. Let us be much in prayer that we are led by the Spirit of God, to the man of His appointment, to be our pastor.

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Officers Serving January 31

ELDERS: J. E. Weicker; Cecil Rice
Alternates: Hendricks Love, Wm. Love
DEACONS:
Junior Deacons will service this Sunday.
DEACONESSES: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14.
Mrs. Robt. Rayl; Mrs. E. R. Allen

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January 24, 1971

Church Attendance	240
Church School Attendance	172
Regular Church Offering	$ 902.78
Church School Offering	72.34
	$ 975.12

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund . . . $600.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, January 31: Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet in the church parlor Tuesday, February 2, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Charles Dilts is hostess. Program by Mrs. Herman Weber.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Drive, Wednesday, February 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Worship by Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 835 W. Wayne St., Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Herbert Banet; Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline.

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WHO ARE THE DISCIPLES . . Classes Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 A.M.

REMINDER: January 29 is the deadline for you to call the office regarding your committee meetings scheduled for February. These will be posted in next week's "Tidings"

YOUTH NOTES

Sunday, January 31, both Chi Rho and CYF youth will go to Pokagon State Pk for snow sports. The Youth are asked to bring a sack lunch and their warm clothing to church with them. Immediately after church, you may change into your warm clothing, then come to the 4th grade class room, where we will eat our lunches, then leave immediately for Pokagon. Cost of a toboggan, which several may share, is $1.00 per hour, and 10¢ per person per ride. Cost of a snow mobile is $9.00 per hour, with two riding at a time, but you may change off several times during the hour. All riders on snow mobiles must be 16 or over, If you need further information about snow sports, call Mrs. Ben Taylor, 447-2830.

CLASSES FOR TEACHERS

Classes in effective teaching methods for teachers in all age groups will begin this month. Classes for those who teach young children (nursery and kindergarten) and for those who teach elementary age children will begin on Monday evening, February 15, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., and will meet here at First Christian Church. Those not now teaching, but interested in teaching in the future are also urged to attend. Classes for those teaching youth and those teaching adults will begin on Wednesday, February 24, at West Creighton Christian Church.

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Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will be away from her office from January 27 until February 6, attending a meeting of professional Christian Educators at New Orleans.

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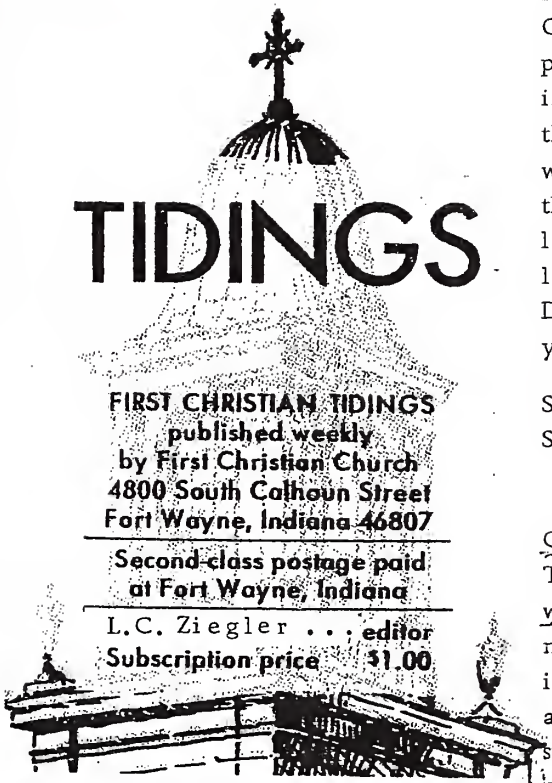
JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME at 5:30 next Sunday in the Primary Room.



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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A few years ago a bad fire almost totally destroyed the farm house of a widow. the neighbors were sorry for her, and the men of the countryside near her home offered to build the house again for her, as a gift. When they asked her if there was any change she would wish in the house, she answered: "Yes, I would like a window over the sink."

For many years she had washed dishes against a blank wall. No wonder she wanted to look into a biew.

Lets apply this to our lives. That is exactly what our Christian faith does for us. It puts a window over the sink. It puts vision into our place of business, whatever we do and wherever we are.

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It enables us to see and feel the love of God lighting up the mind and heart. With people who have admitted Jesus into the inmost part of their hearts and lives, there is more than routine. There is a window over their work through which the light of God's love shines and an uplifting faith is joined with the common labor of each day.

Do you look through the window over your sink? if not, why not put one in?

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SERMON: "ON LOVING PEOPLE"
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 5: 43-48.

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Church Membership Class - (continued) Those who attend these classes and study with their parents should be prepared to make an intelligent decision on this all important matter. Those in 5th grade and above may attend, with the understanding that 5th graders attending the class MUST attend again next year. NO ONE will be pressured into joining the church.

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The Pulpit Committee, Ralph Church chairman, will bring an important report to the church board on Tuesday, February 9, at 8:00 p.m.

ELDERS will meet on next Tuesday at 7:30, prior to church board meeting.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Paul Truby is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 466, having undergone surgery on Tuesday this week.

Harold Childers is in Parkview #704

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We welcome Ronald and Karen Flickinger, 6912 Blue Mist Rd. into our church family. They united January 31.

Mrs. W.J. Lehman is in room 230, Parkview for surgery Wednesday morning.

MONTH _____ F

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
	1	2 (9:00 A.M. CWF Kepple Group at Church	S M 7 C E C
7 8 A.M. Class "Who Are Disciples" 9:00 Church School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Junior Choir 5:30 Youth Choir 5:30 Junior Adventure Time 6:00 Chi Rho & CYF	8 8:00 P.M. Fellowship Guild, CWF; Hostess Miss Mildred Hartman	9 1:00 P.M. CWF Gamboe Group, hostess Mrs. Wm. Love. 8 P.M. Montgomery Group- hostess- Mrs. Charles Eckert 7:30 P.M. Elders Meet 8:00 Church Board	
14 9:00 Church School 10:30 Worship 5 to 7 P.M. Youth Activities Youth at West Creighton Church	15 7:30 p.m. Methods Courses for teachers of pre-school and elementary children	16	
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 WF hostess Ripple gdon , Mrs. trict 1 dallville	4 7:30 Choir	5 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 Wedding
10 lson Group). Overmyer	11 7:30 Choir	12 Chi Rho Skating Party at Roller Dome 7:00 - Boy Scouts	13 Youth at First Christian Church
17 ch Dinner	18 7:30 Choir	19 7:00 Boy Scouts	20
24 S I O N course f Youth & Creighton	25 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee 7:30 - Christian Educa- tion Committee 7:30 - Choir	26 7:00 - Boy Scouts	27

Officers Serving February 7

ELDERS: Ben Taylor; Eugene Klepfer

Alternates: Hugh Rice; George Bruckman

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
LeRoy Timbrook	Max Finkhousen
Merle Grimm	Paul Yentes
Ralph Weesner	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: February 7, 14

Mrs. Robert Rayl; Mrs. Edwin Allen

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January 31, 1971

Church Attendance	216
Church School Attendance	145
Regular Church Offering	895.29
Church School Offering	60.89
	$ 956.18

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ... $600.00

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, February 7: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale Monday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. Miss Mildred Hutchinson, co-hostess. Program by Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. William Love, 341 W. Maple Grove, Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd. Tuesday, February 9, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Carl Lazarro; Worship Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn, Wednesday, February 10, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Jack Sauerwein; Worship by Mrs. Russell Wortley.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Su day evening, February 7. Chi Rho will have another "spell down" wi Debbie Nordblom preparing the que tions. Schellie Schell will lead wor ship, and will, with Val Taylor prov refreshments. CYF'ers will bake c ies, in Church kitchen, for shut-ins for the coffee hour which they will sponsor later this month and for the meeting on February 21, when they will have guests.

CLASSES FOR TEACHERS

All teachers are urged to turn in the registrations for the teacher trainin classes beginning February 15, for those teaching pre-school and elem tary age children and February 24 f those teaching youth and adults. T these blanks in to Mrs. Bixenman th Sunday, please.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! SA SUNDAY, MARCH 28, FOR THE C SPONSORED CARRY-OUT SUPPER

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - Mee in Junior room on third floor at 5:3

Junior Choir will meet at 5:00 p.m Sunday.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS ... We are frequently asked, "When is child old enough to join the Churc The best answer we can give is a g eral one, "When he or she is matur enough to make the important deci to accept Jesus as Lord and Master his life." This requires prayerful an thoughtful study. For this reason, c Church seeks to help families by o ing a class in Church membership all youth who are considering this portant decision. Mrs. Bixenman w teach such a class at the regular c school hour for six Sundays, beginn February 15, at 9:00 a.m.

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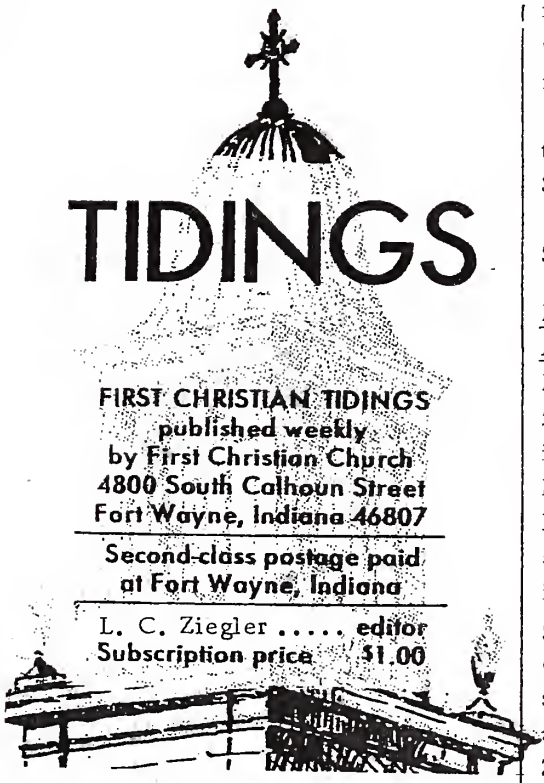

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

There comes to mind a time when I watched a company of boys drilling in an open field. With short, sharp commands they were being put through their marching by their leader. But they were not doing too well. Finally, with a great deal of impatience in his voice, the leader, exclaimed: "Quit looking down at your feet! Eyes to the Front! Your feet will follow your eyes!"

How true! Our feet do follow our eyes. The next time you are walking try looking at your feet entirely! So with your lives. We look steadily at what is good and we walk toward it. We fix our eyes on what is wrong and we find ourselves drawing near it. When the Bible bids us run, "Looking unto Jesus" this is what

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is meant. As we look to him every day we draw nearer to him and become more like him. Our feet follow our eyes and we find we can walk steadfastly "in the way".

SERMON FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14:
"HOW TO BE LOST"
SCRIPTURE TEST: Luke 15: 17-24

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METHODS CLASSES FOR TEACHERS AND PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS ...

Methods classes, arranged particularly for those working with the new Christian Life Curriculum. will begin next Monday evening, February 15, here at First Christian Church, for those who are teaching or are interested in teaching children from Nursery through sixth grade. Classes will be from 7:30-9:30 each Monday for 4 weeks. Similar Classes for those working with youth and adults will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at West Creighton Christian Church.

PERSONAL MENTION

WEDDINGS; Congratulations are extended to Michael Coleman and Vicki Graeff who were married January 30 in the sanctuary.

Also to: Danny Crozier and DuAnn Trumble who were married on Feb. 6, in the chapel.

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We wish to extend our sincere good wishes to Mike and Debbie (Love) Shannon on the birth of a son, Michael Andrew (Andy) Shannon, February 2, 1971. These folk live at 421 No. Walnut st. Cookesville, Tenn. 38501.

Mrs. Marie Stirlen was in Parkview last week for tests.

Mr. Paul Truby is now at home.

Officers Serving February 14

ELDERS: Wm. Caldwell, Myron Cole

Alternate: Ray Fredericks

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: February 14

Mrs. Robert Rayl; Mrs. Edwin Allen

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February 7, 1971

Church Attendance	239
Church School Attendance	156
Regular Church Offering	$ 1110.16
Church School Offering	57.45
Building Fund	7.00
	$ 1175.61

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, February 14: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF sponsored ALL CHURCH dinner on WEDNESDAY February 17, at 6:30 p.m. Program: Panel of American Women. Bring main dish, salad or dessert and your own table service. Baby sitting will be provided.

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Women from CWF are to visit the Allen County Home on Monday, February 15, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Those planning to go will please call Mrs. Herman Weber by next Sunday. You are asked to bring small articles such as: tooth paste or brushes, kleanex, soap, etc.

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MARCH CALENDAR - Dates for the March calendar must be in the office by February 22. Mrs. Vaught is the person to call.

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Mrs. Ella Maxwell is in St. Joseph's hospital, room 808.

YOUTH NOTES

CHI RHO will have a roller skating party at the Roller Dome on Friday February 12, from 7:30-10:00 p.m. Cost $1.00 per person skating and 50¢ rental for skates. We will go to Atz' (North) for "dutch treat" following the skating. Youth living North are asked to meet us at the door of the rink at 7:30; those living South are to meet at the church at 7:00. We will all go to the rink together. No meeting on Sunday evening.

CYF members will meet at the church no later than 5:30 p.m. to go calling on persons in the church. We will leave the church as soon after 5:30 as possible We will go to Atz' for "dutch treat" following the calls if the group so desires.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class for any in 5th grade or above will begin this Sunday during Church School hour. The class will meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office. Parents of the youth are asked to watch for a letter this week explaining the course of study and to study at home with their youth, the assignments made. Parents are not expected to attend the class with the youth. If you have a special reason for wishing to do so, please contact Mrs. Bixenman before Sunday. The entire 5th and 6th grade class is asked to attend, but only those who so desire and who have talked it over carefully with their parents, will be expected to join the church on Palm Sunday.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME group will meet in Fellowship Hall, Sunday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for fun and refreshments.

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Mrs. Ethel Koontz, mother of Mrs. Glenn Miller, is in Lutheran, room 62

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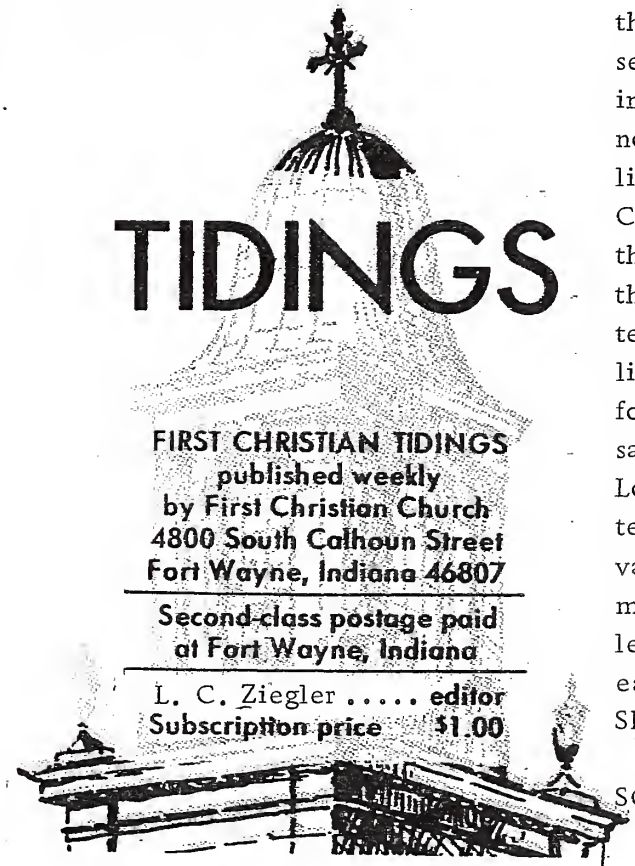

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

When Jesus was a guest in the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany, he commended Mary for having "chosen the better part". She had realized the opportunity of hearing Jesus and knew it was a fleeting chance that should be seized right then. We are reminded by this incident that it is important to cultivate the art of listening, a talent that is sorely needed today. Too often we will not take the time and the patience to listen to others who need help, who need our friendship. One of the most important services we can give to others is not in giving them money but in giving of ourselves, our complete attention. It is a rare gift in a busy world. Go

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through the Gospels and read for yourself how many times Jesus was engaged in listening, He heard cries of help that no one else heard. In this age of loneliness, there is a tremendous need for Christian listeners, who can bring strength and new courage to those to whom they give their attention. This art of listening is also a most real part of prayer, listening to the voice of God as we wait for him to speak to us. Someone has well said that for every one who says "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth", there are ten who say:"Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaketh!" The noise around us may cause us to miss the cry of need unless we are listening. Let us open our ears and respond.

SERMON - February 21:
"ENERGY FROM WORSHIP"
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 95: 1-6

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PERSONAL MENTION

James Goins fell and suffered a broken hip. He is a patient at Lutheran, 761.

William Bolton is a patient at Parkview.

Mrs. Grant Woodward has returned home after several days spent in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. J.W. (Marge) Lehman has gone home.

Mrs. Hendricks Love is improving.

Word comes that Mrs. Kenneth Edwards was in the hospital at Scottsdale, Ariz. for several days but is now at home with their daughter and is improving.

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MARCH 28 ...CARRY-OUT SUPPER SPONSORED BY C.Y.F. ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN!.....

Officers Serving February 21

ELDERS: Rolland Ripple; William Love

Alternates: Ted Bryan; Fred Smell

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: February 21, 28; Mar. 7

Mrs. J. E. Weicker; Mrs. Fred Smell

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February 14, 1971;

Church Attendance	253
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	$ 1044.99
Church School Offering	65.55
Building Fund	4.00
Week of Compassion	7.00
	$ 1121.54

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, February 21: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weber.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BLANKET DRIVE - Bring blankets this Sunday, February 21 -(used blankets are acceptable so long as they are good and clean) or $3.00 will but a new blanket. Give your money for blankets to Mrs. Ronald Aker ..... Church World Service Clothing drive ends March 14. Clean warm clothing is needed in many disaster areas. You may bring your contribution of clothing to the church any time before March 14.

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Mrs. Herman Weber wishes to thank all the women who gave money or made cookies, or helped with the program by going to the Allen County Home last Monday.

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Calendar dates for March should be in the office by February 22. Please call Mrs. Vaught. The success of this project depends on your cooperation!

YOUTH NOTES

Old fashioned song fest this Sunday February 21, at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. Come and share old time and new time songs. Come,' make a joyful noise unto the Lord' with us.

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Both Chi Rho and CYF will meet at 6:00 o'clock this Sunday evening. CYF will make menu and other plans for their Carry-out supper on March 28, plus plans for hosting the Mid-winter Youth Meet on March 13 & 14.

Chi Rho will see a film, "What Can I Believe?", which compares contemporary life philosophies with Christianity. Parents are invited to attend the meeting with their youth.

The Roller Skating Party, postponed from last Friday night, will be held at the Roller Dome this Friday evening. Those living on the Northside are asked to meet us at the rink (outside) at 7:30. Those living on the Southside are to meet at the church at 7:30. CYFers, families and friends are also invited. We will go to Atz' (north) after the skating for a dutch treat.

The JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME group are to meet in the Primary room at 5:30 this Sunday. You are asked to bring cut-out or drawn pictures, depicting favorite stories of Jesus' life.

JUNIOR CHOIR will meet Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES ..

The pre-school and elementary sections of the Leadership Classes on teaching methods will meet for the second session on Monday evening, February 22, at 7:30, here at the church. The first session for youth and adult teachers will meet at West Creighton Christian Church, Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.

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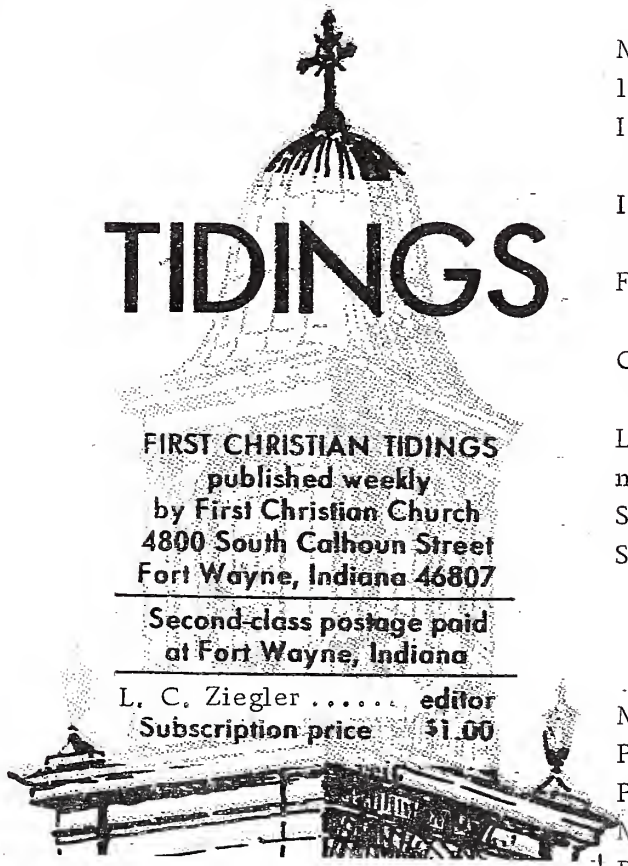

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A phrase came from the pen of Ralph Waldo Emerson that gives us cause for thought ..."goodness with an edge". Shall we consider this together. A knife serves us well if it has a sharp edge, cutting bread, peeling potatoes, or carving a steak, if you are lucky enough to be eating one! A dull pair of scissors is a frustration.

So there is a dull edge to our goodness when we have only a conventional minimum to the things we do for people. Jesus spake of this when he said, "If you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax gatherers the same?" Failure to go out of your way to do a service to those in need makes a very dull edge to our goodness.

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Marguerite Wilkinson has pictured this lack of edge:

I never cut my neighbor's throat,
My neighbor's gold I never stole,
I never spoiled his house and land,
But God have mercy on my soul.
For I am haunted night and day,
By all the deeds I have not done;
O unattempted loveliness!
O costly virtue never won!

Lent is a good time for sharpening goodness!

SERMON: "Clear Vision"
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Exodus 16: 2, 3
John 6: 27, 34

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PERSONAL MENTION

Marvin Crouse spent a little time in Parkview last week for hand surgery.

Paul Truby is a patient in Lutheran #464.

Mrs. Gene Shirley is in Lutheran hospital Room 558 for surgery.

Word comes that Mrs. Harvey Smelser has improved enough to leave the Nursing home and return to her home. The Smelser's spend the winters in Scottsdale Arizona.

It is with regret that we are losing John and Connie Merrill. They are moving to Scottdale, Pennsylvania, and will live at 351 So. Chestnut. 15683. Our best wishes go with them to their new home.

BLANKETS - WARM CLOTHING can still be brought to the church until Mar. 14, when the drive closes.

REMEMBER MARCH 28 - CYF Carry-out supper.

Officers Serving February 28

ELDERS: Ralph Church; Albert Powell

Alternates: Herman Weber; F.E. Morrical

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: February 28; March 7

Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Mrs. Fred Smell

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February 21, 1971

Church Attendance	260
Church School Attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	$ 1233.21
Church School Offering	42.78
Week of Compassion	513.03
Memorials	378.61
	$ 2167.63

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, February 28; Christian Youth Fellowship

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove, Tuesday, March 2, at 9 a.m. Program, Mrs. John Hoop; Worship, Mrs. Earl Fusselman.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Road, on Wednesday, March 3, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Cecil Rice; Worship by Mrs. Neil Allen.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Herbert Banet, 933 W. Oakdale Dr. Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. Program Mrs. Paul Truby; Worship Mrs. W.J. Williams.

CWF - IDEA DAY ..March 3, 1:00 p.m.

Members of Project Committee plus group representatives and others interested in the November Bazaar will meet at 1 P.M. March 3. Bring your samples of suggestions. Meet in church parlor.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho and CYF will meet Sunday evening, February 28 at 6:00.

Chi Rho will discuss "The Importance of Church Membership", followed by another recreational "think down" quiz. Schellie Schell will prepare the questions. Cindy Schoppel will lead the worship. Doug Allen and Bill Urich will be responsible for refreshments.

CYF will continue plans for the 'Carry-out Supper on March 28. CYF'ers are also reminded to be sure to be present this Sunday to help when we are in charge of the coffee hour, following the service of worship.

DISTRICT 1 CYF MEET AT FIRST CHRISTIAN and WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, MARCH 13 and 14.

Junior Choir rehearsal will be at 5:00 Sunday, February 28.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS: There are now 25 youth enrolled in this class. They meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office on Sunday morning at 9:00.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME: will meet in the Chapel at 5:30 p.m. for worship.

SECRET PLACE

Pick up your copy of Secret Place for March, April and May, this Sunday.

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BEGINNING LENT

The world never needed Lent as it needs it now. Life is so strenuous and our pace so rapid. "The world is too much with us." We are so apt to forget that we have immortal spirits. Lent teaches us to be still and sense the presence of God, and listen to the still, small voice An observance of this blessed season cannot but make us better, stronger, purer, and saner, as it prepares us for the life that shall endless be.

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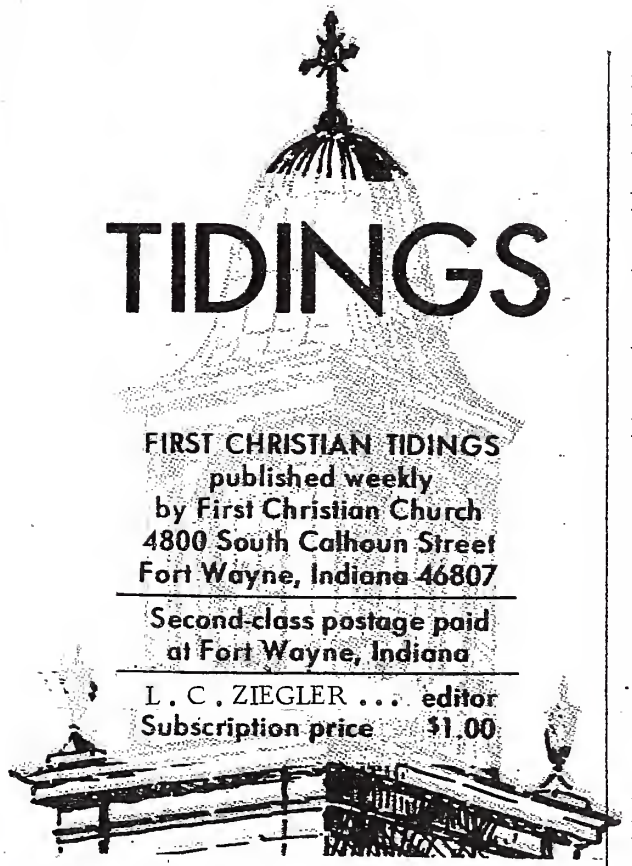

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

There is a story about an old uncle of a very wealthy philanthropist. The old man did not let his nephew give him very much and was satisfied with just enough to live simply as he had always done. When the old uncle died, he left a will with all kinds of bequests to charities, schools, friends, Everyone was astounded for no one knew that the old man had any personal fortune. Had he lost his mind at the end of his life? But it was all made clear and reasonable in the last paragraph of the will which read: "All these bequests I am turning over to my beloved nephew, who will supply the money in my name."

Yet, in a strange way, is that not ex-

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actly what the Christian is always doing? He makes promises that he cannot fulfill himself, but he turns it all over to his heavenly Father to make good the promises. We cannot give another meaning for his life, but God can and we make the offer in His name. We cannot give eternal life, but at Easter time, in the name of Jesus Christ, we announce his victory over death which he won for all of us. Perhaps this is the chief joy of the Christian life. We who are so poor and helpless are commissioned by the great God to distribute the unspeakable gifts in His name.

SERMON: "WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?"
Scripture Text: Acts 11: 20 - 26.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Richard Baker is a patient in 692 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Arza Smith is in St. Joseph's Hospital, # 507.

Mr. E. N. Schlatter is a patient in 504 Parkview Hospital.

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BLANKETS - WARM CLOTHING, etc. (NO) SHOES, PURSES, OR HATS, please! Clothing may be for any season. Drive ends March 14. Donations of 25¢ per pound to help defray the costs of shipping may also be made to Mrs. Ronald Aker, CWF service chairman.

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DISTRICT YOUTH MEET, MARCH 13, 14.

District 1 CYF will meet at First Christian and West Creighton Christian Church on Saturday and Sunday, March 13, 14/ Saturday events including meals, will be at First Christian. Youth will stay in homes of youth from three Christian

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MONTH MARCH 1971

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Methods Courses	2 9:00 a.m. Kepple hostess- Mrs. Edwin Allen 7:00 p.m. Special Bldg. Committee.	3 9:00 a.m. Spice Mrs. Neil Allen 7:30 pm. Higdon - Mrs. H. C. Banet Methods Courses	4 7:30 Choir	5 World Day of Prayer. Christ United Methodist Boy Scouts	6
7 9:00 a.m. Church Sch. 9:00 - Church Mbrs. Cl. Mrs. Bixenman's office 10:30 - Worship 5 to 7 p.m. Youth Activities.	8 7:30 p.m. Guild - Mrs. Kuhlman Method Courses	9 Gamboe - 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Mark Snyder 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Mrs. Ronald Aker 8:00 p.m. Church Bd.	10 8:00 p.m. Nelson Mrs. Ross Nierman	11 7:30 Choir	12 9:30 to 11:30 am Summer Activities Workshop Boy Scouts	13 CYF District Meet 10:00 a.m. First Christian Church
14 9:00 a.m. Church Sch. 9:00 " Church Members Class -Mrs. Bixenman's Office 10:30 worship CYF -District Meet West Creighton Church 5 to 7 p.m. Youth Activities	15	16 1:00 p.m. Gen. CWF	17 Methods Courses at West Creighton Church	18 7:30 Choir	19 Boy Scouts	20 CWF Bake Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
21 9:00 - Church School 9:00 - Membership Cl. 10:30 - Worship 5 to 7 p.m. Youth Activities	22	23	24 Methods Courses West Creighton Church	25 7:30 Choir	26 Boy Scouts	27
28 9:00 -Church School 9:00 - Membership Cl. 10:30 - Worship CYF Carry-out Supper 5 to 7 p.m. Youth Activities	29	30	31			

Officers Serving March 7

ELDERS: James Ruble; John Thompson
Alternates: Donald Smith; Glenn Miller
DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Marle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: March 7
Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. Fred Smell.

February 28, 1971

Church Attendance	285
Church School Attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	1041.49
Church School Offering	64.47
Week of Compassion	120.53
Building Fund	2.00
	$ 1228.49

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, March 7:
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
monthly Group Meetings

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, March 8, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Miss Ethel Shroyer.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr., Tuesday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m. Program and Worship, Mrs. William Love.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Ronald Aker, 6226 Covington Road, Tuesday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Worship, Mrs. Ben Taylor.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Ross Nierman, 10844 U.S. 27 South, Wednesday, March 10, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Merle Grimm; Worship Mrs. Howard Overmyer.

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You cannot pray for peace with your hands clenched into fists.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF will be visiting the Turtle Creek Nursing Home on Hobson Road this Sunday evening, March 7. We will be taking cookies and punch and enjoying a "sing along" with the residents there. Youth living on the North side of town are to meet at the Nursing Home at 7:00. Those living on the south side, meet at the church parking lot at 6:15. Each CYFer is asked to bring cookies.

Chi Rho will have a skating party at the Palms this Friday evening, March 5. Meet at the Church at 7:00 ready to go. We will go to Atz' (south) for a dutch treat following the skating. There will be no regular meeting on Sunday.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - This group is to meet in Fellowship Hall Sunday March 7 at 5:30 for recreation.

CARRY OUT SUPPER

Our CYF is sponsoring a "Carry-out Supper" Sunday evening, March 28. The idea is for everyone to order their meal in advance. The C Y F. will deliver your meal to your home between 5:00 and 6:30 that evening. Orders MUST be in by March 25. None can be taken later than that. Contact any CYFer or Mrs. Bixenman in the Church office. CYF will begin taking orders this Sunday, March 7, at the coffee hour. Menu will include oven fried chicken, escalloped potatoes, salad, rolls, and cake. Cost is $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children under 12. Why not invite in guests and let CYF do the cooking?

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Churches of Fort Wayne on Saturday night and attend church with their hosts. The noon meal and closing will be at West Creighton Church. Contact Mrs. Wm. Love if you would be willing to help in any way during this Meet.

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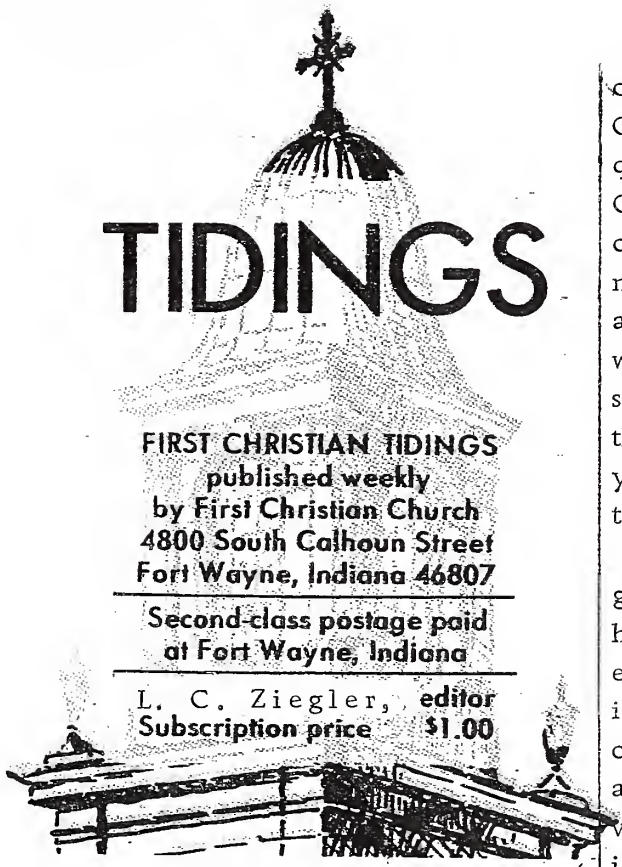

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A saying you have heard repeated often, usually with scorn, is made up of the words "Talk is cheap!" In the sense in which these words are usually said, it is true that talk is cheap. When mere talk, which costs nothing but a few breaths, is substituted for action, it is very cheap, a shabby thing. Jesus gave his verdict on that kind of talk for all time when he said that the persons whom he accepted were not those who said, "Lord, Lord!" but those who did the things he said. That judgment falls on a church if it confines its attention to saying "Lord, Lord" every Sunday morning, but does not do sacrificially the things of love that he said all of his disciples should do.

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There is a sense in which talk is not cheap. In the days of the persecution of Christians under the Roman empire, the question was asked of a member of the Christian fellowship which met in the catacombs "Are you a Christian?" If a man or woman answered with a firm "I am," that talk cost a life! So, today, when we are asked to be included in some tough enterprise of the church and the kingdom of God, and we say, "Yes, you can include me in it", that kind of talk is not cheap.

Another kind of talk is not cheap -- genuine talk to God in prayer. We must have humility, and that does not come easily. We must have honesty, and that is not easy for us always to stand without evasion. We must have repentance, and it is not always easy to say with conviction, "I was wrong. Forgive me." But if we will pay the price, the "talk" of prayer will be beyond all other words in its richness and benefit.

SERMON: "WHAT ABOUT TROUBLE?"
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8: 18-22

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Edwin Hall is in Lutheran Hospital Room 769.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby take this means to thank all their friends in the church for the many calls, cards and other kindnesses shown them during Mr. Truby's illness.

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Our new Webster's (unabridged) dictionary is now here and available to any who may have need of it. This book and stand were given in memory of Mrs. J.C. (Pearl) Koegel. Our thanks go to the donor.

Officers Serving March 14

ELDERS: Cecil Rice; J. E. Weicker

Alternate: Hendricks Love

DEACONS

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: March 14, 21, 28

Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; Mrs. Hendricks Love

March 7, 1971

Church Attendance	244
Church School Attendance	168
Regular Church Offering	$ 1207.94
Church School Offering	62.79
Week of Compassion	30.00
Building Fund	3.00
	$ 1303.73

Hosts for Fellowship Hour, March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 1:00 P.M. at the church. Program and worship by Kepple Group; this is to be a book review. Nelson Group are hostesses; Refreshments served by the Montgomery Group.

CWF Bake Sale will be at the church on Saturday, March 20, from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Members of the groups are asked to bring baked goods such as - cookies, cup-cakes, breads and cakes etc. These should be at the church by 9:00 A.M. Please invite your friends to this sale.

BLANKETS - WARM CLOTHING, etc. Sunday, March 14 is your last opportunity to bring your good used clothing for any season, and blankets for this drive. Also, 25¢ per pound is needed to cover shipping costs. Shoes, purses or hats are not usable.

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YOUTH NOTES

District Youth Meet Saturday and Sunday. March 13, 14, at First Christian and West Creighton Christian Churches. Meals will be served by the two churches.

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CARRY-OUT SUPPER

Is to be sponsored by the CYF on Mar. 28th. The Youth will prepare the meals which can be either picked up at the church or can be delivered to the homes. Cost is $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children under 12. Menu: Chicken, escalloped potatoes, salad, rolls and cake.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - This group will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m, Sunday for recreation . The group will begin making plaques.

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

Junior Choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m.

CYF will not hold their regular meeting this Sunday.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Good, sturdy toys are needed for the Nursery. Those having toys which are not used, we will appreciate your giving them to the Nursery; but do not bring stuffed toys. A box will be at the entrance for your convenience

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BETHANY COLLEGE CHOIR will present a concert at the West Creighton Church on March 21. West Creighton is asking us to assist in housing these young people for the one night they are in Fort Wayne. If you can accommodate one or two please call the church office. Members of this church are cordially invited to attend this concert on March 21.

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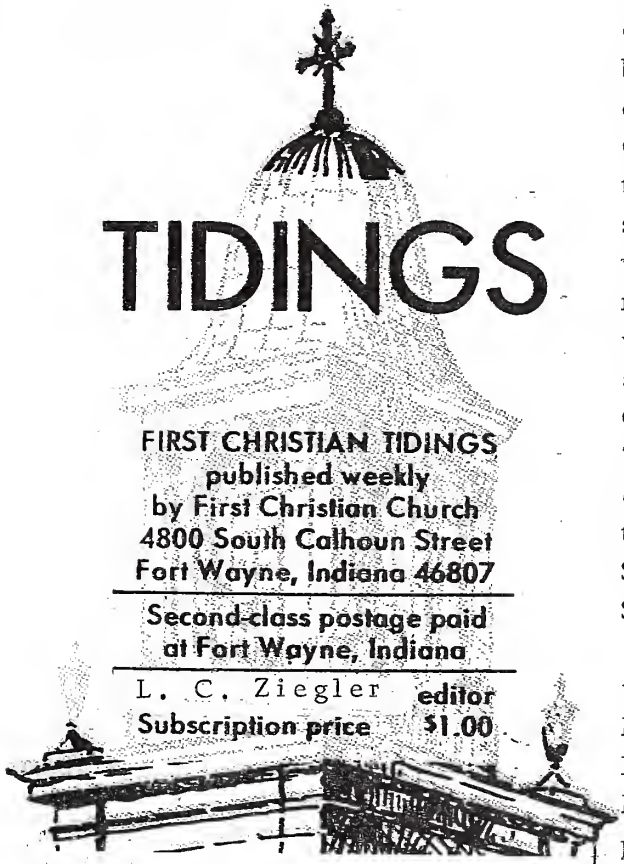

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

One of the most gallant souls who ever lived was Robert Louis Stevenson. We shall not really appreciate his optimism and joy until we remember that he was under the constant burden of illness and suffering. In a letter to his father he woncw wrote:"My cold is still very heavy, but I carry it well. Fanny is still very much out of sorts, principally through perpetual misery with me I fear I have been a little in the dumps which, as you know, Sir, is a very great sin. There is no more abominable sin than this gloom, this plaguey peevishness."

Most of us need to be reminded of this every once in a while. I do. Being gloomy, unhappy and pessimistic is a sin. The Christian has been given an experience that enables him to rise above this mood, and, when he fails to do so, it means he has lost sight of Christ. The period of Lent is not a time to give way to our gloom and sadness, but a time to confront ourselves, our life and our Saviour. We are not to be shallow optimists who live without facing the real issues, not at all. But the morbid, bitter, gloomy Christian is a contradiction of his faith. The New Testament says that Jesus endured the Cross, finally, because of the joy that was set before him.

SERMON: "LEARNING FROM THE BEST"
SCRIPTURE: Mark 1: 9.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Arthur Mowery is a patient in 562 Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goins wish to express their thanks for calls and cards received during Mr. Goins illness.

Our teachers who were enrolled in the recent methods courses were: Marilyn Frappier, Judy Aker, Jackie Bryan Peggy Buskirk, Walter Keebortz, Judy Church and Larry Barnes.

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The Lord's Supper is a commemoration , a communion, and a consecration. In it we remember Christ we commune with Him and one another, and we consecrate ourselves afresh to His service.

Take it from me the Church has something you need more than you need anything else.

Officers Serving March 21

ELDERS: E. W. Klepfer; Ben G. Taylor

Alternate: Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	*	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole		E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young		Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery		Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: March 21, 28

Mrs. Robt Hendricks; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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Hosts for Fellowship Hour, March 21 - Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble

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March 14, 1971

Church Attendance	231
Church School Attendance	207
Regular Church Offering	835.85
Church School Offering	79.86
Easter Offering	10.00
Building Fund	5.25
	$ 930.96

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BAKE SALE

Got a "sweet tooth?" Like home baked goods? If so, be sure to visit Fellowship Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 PM Saturday, March 20. CWF is sponsoring the bake sale and will have delicious home baked cookies, cakes, pies, rolls, bread and coffee cakes to tempt your families' palates. The price is right, too

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TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Our Nursery is in need of some good sturdy toys. If you have any your child is no longer using, we would appreciate having them for the Nursery. We cannot use stuffed toys.

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The man who walks with God always knows in what direction he is going.

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YOUTH NOTES

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME will meet in the Primary room at 5:30 for crafts.

CHI RHO will meet at the regular 6:00 p.m. hour. We will discuss what was seen on the automobile tour last Sunday and its meaning for us.

CYF will meet at 6:30 to finalize plans for the Carry-out supper next weekend We will then leave at 7:00 for West Creighton Christian Church to hear the Bethany Choir and be guests of the West Creighton Christian Church.

CARRY-OUT SUPPER

Out CYF sponsored Carry-out Supper is at hand - Sunday, March 28. Support our youth by ordering your dinner from them. You may pick it up after 4:30 (if you tell us you prefer to do this) or the youth will deliver it to you at your home. Cost is $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children under 12. The meal will consist of oven fried chicken, escalloped potatoes, salad, rolls, cake. Proceeds will go toward the educational trip for our youth to Kentucky this spring. Spots to be visited will include Cane Ridge Meeting House and Hazel Green Academy. Perhaps you would like to invite guests into your home and order dinners from CYF. Orders must be phoned in to any CYF member or to Mrs. Bixenman at the church by Thursday, March 25. None can be taken after that date.

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REMEMBER: Bethany College Choir will present a concert at West Creighton Christian Church this Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. We have all been invited to hear them.

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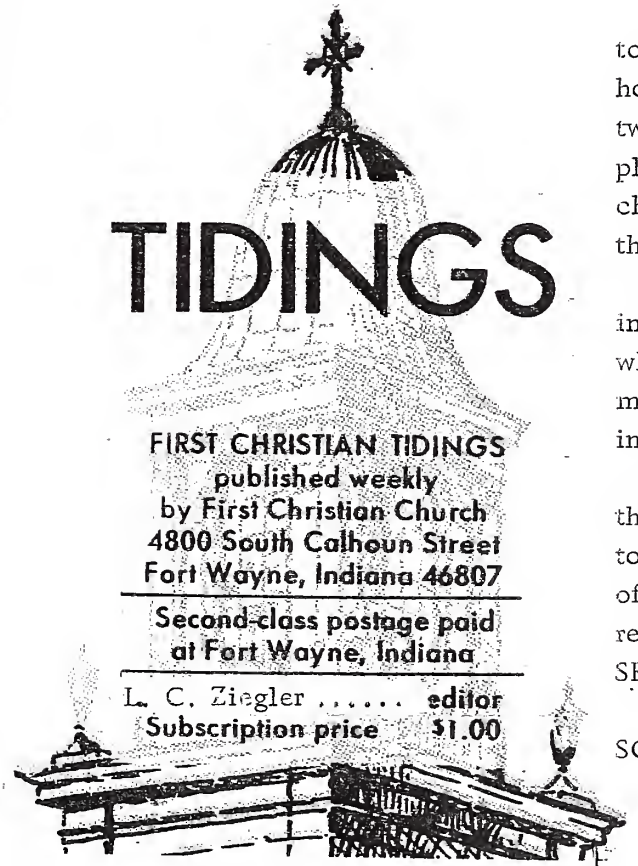

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Volume XXIX March 25, 1971 No. 26

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

In trying to describe what this season means, there are four words, each beginning with "C", that are helpful in thinking about this tragic and wonderful period in the Christian year.

The first word is "crisis". Our world has lived in crisis for several decades and some of us are wishing that we could bring this period to an end. But to know danger and adversity is a part of living and we share our Lord's testing moment, each in his own way. However it turns out, the crisis always reveals that we live by faith and that we live by God's power.

The second word is "commonplace". From the desperation of crisis, we come

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to the routine part of life. It is strange how life has a way of combining these two things so that crisis and the commonplace represent the continuing interchange of values and the change of pace that we so desperately need.

The third word is "concern". It is during this time that we see the extent to which God went to find us and we are made aware of the incarnation of love in the One we call Saviour.

The last word is "creation". Out of this period there comes a new insight in to the patient, continuing, creative will of God. Lent can be for us a period of rediscovery and reconsecration.

SERMON: "THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD."

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Ephesians 3: 14-21
Matthew 18: 2-3

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PRAYER CHAIN

This year our college age youth are spear-heading the Easter Prayer Vigil. We are asking as many as can to take a one-half hour period sometime between 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, follow the Maundy Thursday service and continuing through 6:00 p.m. on Good Friday, when the worship committee will sponsor an open church, open for meditation and prayer for all who care to stop by. The Prayer chain chart will be posted on the bulletin board Sunday for you to sign up, or you will have opportunity to sign during the Morning Worship Service, next Sunday. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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Do you have a copy of an Easter Sunrise Service "The Challenge of the Cross"? If so, please call the church office.

RY YEAR - 1971

Officers serving March 28

ELDERS: George Bruckman;
William Caldwell

Alternate: Myron Cole

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: March 28

Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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Hosts for Fellowship Hour, March 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical

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March 21, 1971

Church Attendance	245
Church School Attendance	201
Regular Church Offering	$ 1173.65
Church School Offering	75.91
Building Fund	3.00
	$ 1252.56

PERSONAL MENTION

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bickel Scott and Teri Lyn into our church family. These folk live at 7229 Chatwick Dr. They brought their membership to this Church from the First Christian Church, Jackson, Miss.

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NOTE: Any of our people who are ill or home-bound, desiring communion, please call the Church office, 744-3239 Or call Mr. William Love, 744-1615 to make arrangements for one of the Elders to bring communion to your home

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We extend our sympathy to Mrs. James (Helen) Cain in the recent death of her mother.

Members at Lutheran Hospital:

Mrs. Kenneth Lytle - Room 666
Mr. Robert Kernen - " 340
Mr. Wm. Schilling - " 572

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol, on Wednesday, March 31. This is a change in date! Mrs. Hendricks Love will bring the program; worship by Mrs. Chamberlain.

YOUTH NOTES

CYFers are to be at the church Saturday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. to work on the Carry-Out supper and are to plan to remain after Church this Sunday. Bring work clothes, to change, and a sack lunch.

Chi Rho'ers will come at 5:00 this Sunday and will help deliver the Carry-out dinners.

Junior Adventure Time group will not meet this Sunday.

CARRY-OUT SUPPER

If you have not ordered your dinners for next Sunday evening, go to the telephone right now and do so. It is your last opportunity. Positively no orders can be taken after Friday noon. OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Dinners are $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children under 12. Dinners will be delivered to your home next Sunday between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. and will be HOT when they reach you.

PRAYER GROUPS

We now have enough people who have expressed an interest in starting a prayer group on a week-day morning; one one a week-day afternoon; and one in an evening. There is room for additions to each group. These will be prayer-study groups and will meet according to the preferences of the group. The morning group will start during Holy Week, others will start after Easter. Watch Tidings for definite announcements of the day and time.

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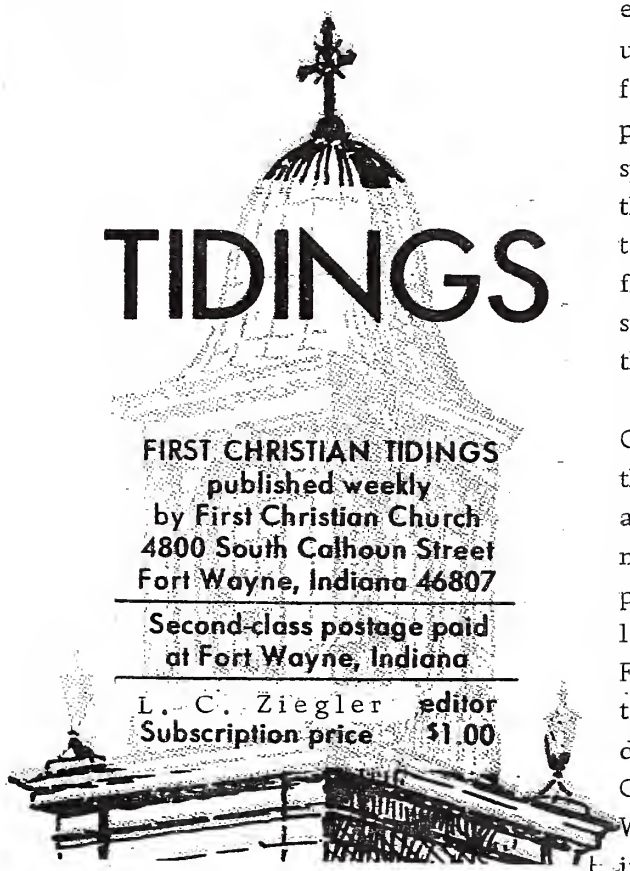

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A village woman from India who became a Christian evangelist once said: "If you were born in a mature, instructed Christian home, you cannot imagine the terror in which I lived as a girl. I was afraid of the priests, the landlords, the money-lenders, the kidnappers, wild people, robbers, and, most of all, the evil spirits, devils and angry gods and goddesses, When a survey was made of over 4,000 village people in India who were asked to tell what Christ Jesus had done for them, 70% said: "He took the fear out of me."

One of the main themes of Easter is the conquest of fear. Civilized people have fears different from those savages experience, but our culture has not freed us from terror. To be human is to be afraid. The Old Testament knew this experience. Who can ever get over the inspiration and comfort of these lines from the 91st Psalm: "You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday."

But Easter goes far beyond this. Jesus Christ frees us from the fear of living, the fear of tomorrow and the bonds of anxiety, worry, and panic. Since eternal life is a present quality and we experience it now, the Christian life is lived in the perspective of eternity. Faith in Christ prevents the concerns of tomorrow from clouding the glory of today. We lose our fear of life because Christ has conquered our fear of death. When Christians proclaim on Easter morning, "He is risen", they are saying also, "We are set free from fear".

Dr. Richard Lentz, Indiana Executive minister - Guest speaker on Palm Sunday

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Robert Neal was in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Orlie Conner was a patient in room 408 St. Joseph's.

James W. Lehman was a patient in Parkview #335.

Mrs. Arza Smith is now at home after several days in the hospital.

PRAYER GROUPS

The morning Prayer group will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7. All who are interested come to the church parlor.

MONTH APRIL 1971

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Trustees 7:30 Choir 7:30	2 Boy Scouts 7:00	3
4 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School 9:00 a.m. Baptisms at 10:30 Service Junior Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. 5:30 - Junior Adventure 6:00 - CYF and Chi Rho	5	6 Kepple Group 9 A.M. Mrs. Edwin Allen, host. 8:00 p.m. Church Bd.	7 Higdon Group 7:30 Mrs. A.O. Schell, host 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group Worship Com. 7:00	8 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Candlelight Communion Service Prayer Chain 8:30 Choir 7:30	9 Good Friday 12 Noon - 3:00 p.m. Services at Epworth United Methodist Ch. Prayer Chain until 6 pm Prayer Vigil 6 - 10 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00	10 Prayer Vigil 6 - 12 PM
11 Easter 9:00 Church School 10:30 Worship Baptisms - 10:30 a.m.	12 Guild - 7:30 -Church	13 Gamboe Group 1 p.m. Mrs. James Heavin, host. Montgomery- 8 p.m. Mrs. Dennis Andrew, host	14 Nelson - 8 p.m. Mrs. R. Wortley, host	15 Choir 7:30	16 Boy Scouts 7:00	17
18 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:30 Worship Youth Groups 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.	19	20 General CWF - Joint Meeting - 8:00 p.m.	21 Bazaar workshop 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	22 10:30 - 12 noon Church Women United Com. Christian Ed. 7:30 pm Evangelism Com. 7:30 Choir 7:30	23 STATE ASSEMBLY - Boy Scouts 7:00	24 KOKOMO, INDIANA
25 9:00 A.M. Church School 10:30 Morning Worship Youth Groups - 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.	26	27	28 District 1 Cabinet Meet Kendallville. 6:30 Centennial Dinner 6:30	29 CWF District Institute Auburn 9 to 3	30	

Officers Serving April 4

ELDERS: Ray Fredericks; Rolland Ripple

Alternates: William Love; Harold Crowder

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Marle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: April 4, 8, 11

Mrs. Helen Clymore; Mrs. Geo. Bruckman

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Hosts for Fellowship Hour April 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grimm.

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March 28, 1971

Church Attendance	254
Church School Attendance	187
Regular Church Offering	909.56
Church School Offering	68.11
Building Fund	3.00
	$ 980.67

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove, Tuesday April 6, at 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Robert Ogles, Worship, Mrs. Henry M. Flowers.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Alfred Schell, 236 Rexford, Wednesday April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Program, by Mrs. Helen Clymore

Easter plants for the Shut-ins will be displayed in the chancel this Sunday; CWF chairman are to pick up the plants after the morning service for delivery during the coming week before Easter.

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Shut-ins desiring that Communion be brought to the home, please call the Church office or Mr. Wm. Love (744-1615) The Elders will be happy to serve you.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE -- Our High School and college youth will sponsor a Sunrise Celebration at 6:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This Service will include a continental breakfast, with a free will offering to defray cost. This worship celebration will be in keeping with the joyous mood of Easter. Come, help us celebrate! Sign up in your class or on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by Good Friday noon, so that we may have rolls for all.

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Chain of Prayer will begin at the end of the Maundy Thursday Service until 6 p.m. on Good Friday. Following this the church will be open for meditation for several hours for all those who wish to come. You are asked to sign the chart on the bulletin board, for one half-hour (or longer) periods of time by this Sunday evening. Help make this a continuous Chain of Prayer.

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Junior Choir will rehearse this Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Junior Adventure Time will meet in the Primary room at 5:30 for an Easter Worship, and to finish plaques.

CYF'ers wish to thank all who helped make their carry-out supper a success. CYF and Chi Rho will meet this Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. CYF will hold a 'question and answer' period involving theological questions. Bring your questions! If we do not know the answers, we will explore together for them.

Chi Rho'ers will see the film, "A.D. 29".

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LILIES FOR EASTER -- Bring YOUR Easter lily to the church on Saturday to be used on Easter Sunday in the chancel.

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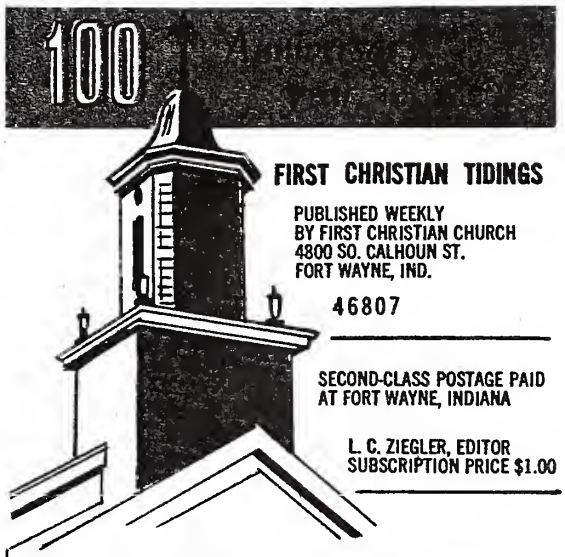

Volume XXIX April 8, 1971. No. 28

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Much in the character and speech of Pilate bids us to watch and pray that we do not show the same attitudes in ourselves. If you will look in the gospels whenever Pilate appears, you will discover this- Everything he said was right; everything he DID was wrong. With all his seeing that there was no fault in Jesus for which he should condemn him, Pilate's whole attitude was negative. There was nothing in his cold soul which might cry out:. "This is a good man," and lead him to take risks to save Jesus from the mob.

The negative is never enough in dealing with Jesus. People have no enthusiasm in their relation to Christ. They do not give him the rule of their lives. Look at the contrast between Pilate and Peter.

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Pilate said, dearily: "I find no fault in this man." Then think of Peter, crying out with his whole soul: "You are the Christ, the son of the living God". May we get out of the realm of mere tolerance and negative lack of antagonism into the realm of joy and of power, with a heart that can say: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me."

SERMON: "BECAUSE I LIVE"
SCRIPTURE TEXT: John 14: 16-19

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PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Emily Weicker is now at home after spending several days in St. Joseph's Hospital.

U.S. Air Force Barry F. Nordblom, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Nordblom, has arrived at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, assigned as a medical service specialist. He previously served at Chanute AFB,. He is a 1968 graduate of South Side High School.

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FORMER MINISTER and INTERIM: Easter 1921 to Easter 1971, Barton A. Johnson rounds out 50 years in the ministry; 4 pastorates, 7 interims and 8 yrs. with UCMS. Our sincere congratulations are extended to him in this 50th year of service. Rev. & Mrs. Johnson live at 517 Clark St. Canton, Mo. 63435

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LILIES for EASTER

Please bring your Easter lily to the church on this Saturday before 4 p.m. They will be placed in the chancel and will help beautify the sanctuary for our Easter service.

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Officers Serving April 11

ELDERS: Fred Smell; Ralph Church

Alternates: Albert Powell; Herman Weber

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: April 11

Mrs. Helen Clymore; Mrs. Geo. Bruckman

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The Young Adults are the hosts for the Fellowship Hour on Easter.

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April 4, 1971

Church Attendance	309
Church School Attendance	188
Regular Church Offering	1859.69
Church School Offering	62.60
Building Fund	9.50
Easter Offering	65.00
	$ 1996.79

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet at the church Monday, April 12, at 8 pm. Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, hostess. Program, Mrs. Owen Vaught.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. James Heavin, 304 E. Maple Grove Tuesday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship, Mrs L. C. Ziegler.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Dennis Andrew, 3011 Getz Rd. Tuesday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Ronald Aker; Worship Mrs. James Ruble,

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Russell Wortley, 2229 Drake, Wednesday April 14 at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Bixenman; Worship Mrs. Donald Davenport.

EASTER, SUNRISE CELEBRATION AND BREAKFAST

Easter is a time for celebration! When else in the Christian year do we have so much that needs celebrating? Won't you come out at 6:30 Easter Sunday morning and join in as we strive to let our joy in the Good News that Christ is risen be known? Whether or not you signed up, you are welcome. Come to Fellowship Hall. Our high school and college age youth are sponsoring this event for the entire church family. Cost of the breakfast will be defrayed by a free will offering.

NO YOUTH MEETINGS

There will be no regular youth meetings on Easter Sunday. However, all groups will resume a regular schedule the following Sunday.

PRAYER GROUPS

The morning Prayer group met for the first time on Wednesday, April 7. Watch future issues of TIDINGS for subnoon sequent meetings. The after/group will begin on Monday afternoon, April 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Church parlor and the evening group will begin that evening at 7:30 p.m., also in the church parlor. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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SHUT-INS desiring that Communion be brought to the home, please call the Church office (744-3239) or Mr. Wm. Love, chairman of Elders, (744-1615). The Elders will be happy to serve you.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins Thursday evening following the Candlelight Communion service. On Good Friday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday the church will be open for those desiring to come in for meditation and prayer.

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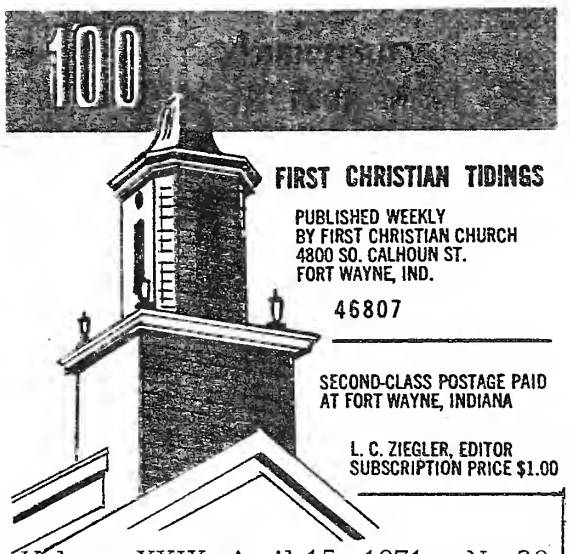

Volume XXIX April 15, 1971 No.29

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

I read recently about a man who was serving on jury duty and was waiting around with some of the other jurors to be called for a particular case. He was trying to work on a novel at the time, and a lady asked him what he was doing. He told her, and she asked: "Is it going to be about anything?"

It was a strange question, and yet I think I know what the lady had in mind. Does it not seem to you that so much of our activity is not about anything in particular? Certainly often it is not about anything that is noble or thrilling. We can talk as we like about not having to be involved in high purposes at the time. The truth is that man was made to be engaged in things that matter. ... The good news of the Gospel is that God is about something which we can dimly grasp but see most clearly in the events of the life of Jesus. It is a great thing to realize that our life is about some-

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thing very important and that we are now at the season when these things are revealed to us.

SERMON: "TAKING CHRIST SERIOUSLY"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 5: 5 - 8

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PERSONAL MENTION

Lutheran Hospital:

Edwin Day, Room 665
Mrs. Ethel Koontz, Room 359
Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, Room 666

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WE WELCOME the young people who were baptized and united with the church: Douglas S. Allen, Teri Lyn Bickel, Barbara L. Finkhousen, Steven R. Frappier, Michael Gardner, Teresa L. Gardner, Jeffrey B. Grier, Sue Ann Ludwig, Christopher J. McDougle, Sandy B. Meadows, Thomas R. Meadows, William J. Schilling, James H. Shirley, William W. Urich, Debra L. Warren, Valerie S. Williams, Diana L. Wortley, Mark P. Williams by transfer of membership from the Lizton Christian Church. These young people attended the Pastor's Class and made their confession of faith on Palm Sunday. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman taught the class.

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1971 Nominating Committee: At the April meeting of the church board, the chair appointed Harold Crowder and Herman Weber to represent the Board, on this committee.

Officers Serving April 18

ELDERS: F.E. Morrical; Dr. J.F. Ruble

Alternates: John Thompson; Donald Smith

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: April 18, 25 - May 4

Mrs. Edwin Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes will host the Fellowship Hour

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April 11, 1971

Church Attendance	392
Church School Attendance	172
Regular Church Offering	$ 1562.40
Church School Offering	396.01
Easter Offering	221.00
	$ 2179.41

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

The general CWF will meet at the church at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th. This will be a joint meeting of the three Christian Churches in Fort Wayne : West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, North Christian Church and First. Mrs. Pauline Thames, Associate Secretary of Christian Women's Fellowship, Indianapolis, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served by the Executive Committee. There will be a Service of dedication of Blessing Box Offerings.

A FORWARD LOOK: The District One Leadership Training Institute will be at the Auburn Christian Church on Thursday April 29. This training workshop is for all officers and leaders, potential officers and other interested women.

YOUTH NOTES

Our CYF and Chi Rho will have regular meetings this Sunday evening at 6:00. CYF will continue their discussion of questions they may have concerning their own personal theology.

Chir Rho will have another "fact spell down". Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nordblom will meet with this group Sunday, as Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor did on Palm Sunday.

PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho will sponsor another paper drive on Saturday, April 24. Persons having newspapers they would be willing to donate are asked to bring them to the Fellowship Hall during the week of April 18-23. They must be here before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. If you cannot get your papers to the church, please call Miriam Bixenman before Wednesday, April 21. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Urich will be assisting Chi Rho with this sale.

PRAYER GROUPS

The afternoon prayer-study group will meet for the first time on Monday, Apr. 19, at 1:30 in the church parlor. The evening group will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 27, in the church parlor instead of on Monday, the 19th, as previously announced. The morning group will meet for their prayer-study at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21. All interested persons are welcome in any of these groups.

Junior Adventure Time group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, in Fellowship Hall for recreation.

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On April 18, the congregation will appoint two from their number to serve on the 1971 Nominating Committee.

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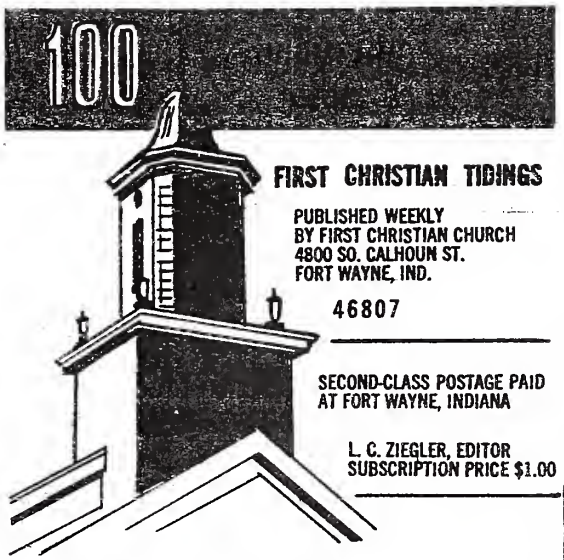

Volume XXIX April 22, 1971 No. 30

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Most people who have joined a church have a tendency to regard it as something apart from themselves. They will say that the church does this or the church did that It is as if they were outside looking in and observing what others are doing or failing to do. But each person needs to see that he is the church.

We could talk about each man being the voice of the church. Every time I speak in public, I become the spokesman for my church. But so does the layman. The church must speak through its prophets and priests and, since the Reformation, we have accepted the responsibility of being its prophets and priests when we join its fellowship.

Each man is in himself the mission of the church - every man being the bearer of Christian faith into every situation.

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Each man is the power of the church. The church wins or loses according to how strong its members are. My weakness is the church's weakness. Let no man minimize the power of one Christian's testimony and witness.

SERMON: "SOURCES OF POWER"
SCRIPTURE: Revalations 2: 26-29

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CENTENNIAL KICKOFF DINNER . .

First Christian Church is 100 years old this year! Committees have been hard at work for several weeks planning for special, meaningful ways of celebrating our anniversary. The high light of the celebration will come the week surrounding November 19 (the actual day of our beginning) . There will be events spaced throughtout the year. The first of these is a Fellowship Dinner to be held next Wednesday evening, April 28. This will be a pot-luck dinner for all our church family, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Families whose last names begin with the letters A - H, are to bring a salad or a vegetable; J - Q, dessert; R-Z, a meat dish. Everyone bring your own table service. Coffee and milk will be provided. Come, hear about all the plans for this centennial year.

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CWF LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held in the Auburn Christain Church , Thursday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop is held for officers and leaders , potential leaders and other interested women.

Officers Serving April 25

ELDERS: Glenn Miller, Cecil Rice

Alternates: Jack Weicker

DEACONS:

Ross nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazarro

DEACONESSES: April 25; May 4

Mrs. Edwin Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor are hosts for the fellowship hour.

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April 18, 1971

Church Attendance	256
Church School Attendance	149
Regular Church Offering	$ 1032.95
Church School Offering	59.03
Easter Offering	52.00
	$ 1143.98

The Nominating Committee appointed to draw up a slate of officers for year 1971-1972 are: Mr. Herman Weber, Dr. Harold Crowder, Wm. Caldwell, Mrs. Hugh D. Rice and Mrs. Carl Lazarro.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Troy Yeoman is in Lutheran Hospital Room 572.

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The Centennial Committee is asking for pictures of classes and articles relative to the church "way back when" the church was young. Any item of historic value to be used in making up the 100th Year book! These articles will be well taken care of and returned to the owner.

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Have you noticed the new Cross and Candle sticks on the Communion table in the sanctuary? They were given to the church as a memorial for William Shoemaker by Mrs. Evelyn Brahier. This is a fine memorial and is appreciated.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

HISTORIAN - 100 Years of Service - Dr. James Ruble and Carl Lazarro;

SPEAKERS - Program : Hugh Rice, Mrs. Edna Vaught, Mrs. Wm. Love, Miss Marlene Crouse .

MUSIC: Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Robt. Urich.

PUBLICATIONS - Advance publicity: Robert Urich.

DINNERS: April through November: Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mrs. Russell Wortley.

MEMORIALS: Bert Leversee, Walter Birkhold.

CONGREGATION GOALS - 10-25 years; 50 years: Delmas Young, Thomas Frappier.

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YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho and CYF will meet together this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church parlor. They will have as guests the youth from North Christian and West Creighton Ave., Christian churches.

We have as speakers Dr. Alan Richards, and someone from Switchboard, to talk about the drug problem and one possible source of help. Come, let's be good hosts to our guests.

SPRING CLEAN - UP at Barbee Camp is May 1 & 2. CYFers planning to go must bring their $3.00 fee for cost of food to Mrs. Bixenman this Sunday evening, April 25.

JUNIOR ADVENTURETIME - This group is to meet in the Primary Room for an evening fun session.

THE BELL CHOIR will rehearse at 5 p.m. Sunday. This choir will play on Mother's Day.

PAPER DRIVE If you have not already done so, bring your papers to the church no later than 9:00 a.m. Saturday for the Chi Rho paper drive.

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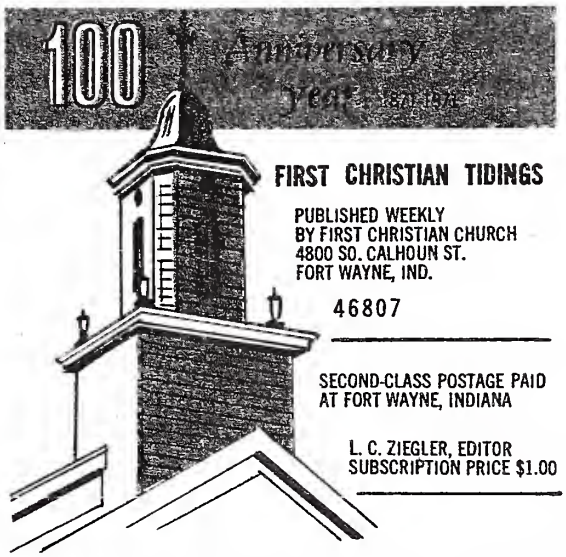

Volume XXIX April 29, 1971 No. 31

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

There is a story of a twelve year old boy who was flunking out of the fifth grade. He was given an intelligence test and was put in the genius catagory. While he could read ten or twelve advanced science books he wasn't up to doing the fifth grade stuff. The reason, of course, was that he was bored. When he found something worthy of his best, he responded.

Do you suppose that is true of some of us? Are we not doing poorly because we know instinctively that what we are doing is not worth doing? Are we under-challenged by the kind of life we have accepted for ourselves? Do we need bigger things and not smaller things to live by, and a higher standard and not a lower standard for our lives?

It seems to me that this is what the Gospel says to us essentially. We are better

The CHURCH BUDGET for 1971-72 will be voted on in the morning worship service, Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

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than we think we are, and we are greater than we have allowed ourselves to become. Maybe this is what Jesus had in mind when he told those disciples they ought to strive for perfection. Perhaps we have unexplored possibilities within us if we would let God have His chance with us.

SERMON: "WHEN GOD BECOMES REAL"

SCRIPTURE : Matthew 5: 1-12

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PERSONAL MENTION

St. Joseph's Hospital ...
Mrs. Robert Neal, 2 South.
Mrs. Robert Fosnaugh, # 227
Orlie Conner, # 505
Lutheran Hospital:
Mrs. Duane Downes, # 669
Mrs. John Olson, # 489

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"A SPRING THING" is the catching title selected for the Variety Show planned for Sunday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at $1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. All CHOIR MEMBERS have tickets!

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RIDES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER MEETING will be arranged for those who need transportation. The meeting is on Monday evening, May 3, and is for the purpose of meeting a new minister . If you need a ride please call Mrs. Bixenman, or church office, by Monday noon, and a ride will be arranged for you.

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Jennifer Marie was born Friday, April 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal.

Officers Serving May 2

ELDERS: Hendricks Love'; Eugene Klepfer.

Alternates: Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: May 2

Mrs. Edwin Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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April 26, 1971

Church Attendance	227
Church School Attendance	139
Regular Church Offering	$ 745.55
Church School Offering	50.44
Easter Offering	11.00
Building Fund	6.00
	$ 812.99

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Henry Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Drive. Program by Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Worship by Mrs. Herman Weber.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest Drive. Program by Mrs. Fred Smell; Worship by Mrs. Hugh Rice. This group will meet Wednesday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and stay to work on projects for the bazaar

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Alfred Schell, 236 Rexford Drive Wednesday, May 5

Friday, May 7, is MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY - Church Women United.

The Church Board will meet Tuesday evening, May 4, at 8:00 pm.

The Nominating Committee met and appointed William Caldwell as their chairman.

YOUTH NOTES

CYFers planning to go to the Spring Clean-up at Barbee Camp are advised to be at the church ready to leave by 8:45 A.M. this Saturday. Bring some warm clothing, bed roll, towels, and other personal items. Cost is $3.00. There will not be a CYF meeting this Sunday evening. Remember the car wash on the following Saturday.

CAR WASH: Cyf is sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, May 8 on the parking lot, from 9:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. Cars will be cleaned inside and out for the small sum of $1.00. HAVE A CLEAN CAR TO TAKE MOM TO CHURCH ON MOTHER'S DAY!

The same day, there will be a car wash at North Christian Church. The two stations are all a part of one car wash, being sponsored jointly by the youth of this church, West Creighton, and North Christian. Proceeds will all go toward a joint educational trip to Kentucky to visit Hazel Green Academy Cane Ridge, and to see Transylvania College and Lexington Theological Seminary. Your patron age will be appreciated.

CHI RHO will meet as usual this Sunday evening at 6:00. We will have a social evening with games and refreshments and will make definite plans for our Kentucky trip.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - This group will meet in Primary Room at 5:30, and will take Mother's gifts to Turtle Creek Convalescent Home, and will return to the church by 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse at regular time, Thursday 7:30, and rehearsal for Variety Show will start at 8:00.

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Pulpit Committee report at dinner on Monday evening, May 3.

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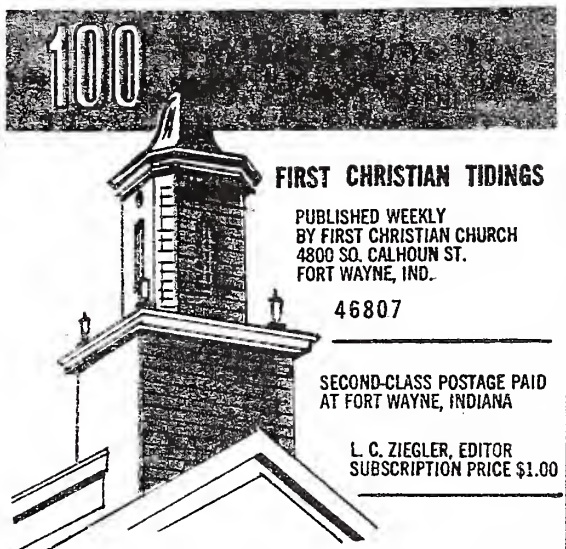

Volume XXIX May 6, 1971 No. 32

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

"And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children ..." The text comes from the great address Moses made to the people when he gave them the Ten Commandments. He is saying that they owe a debt to the future and that what they have discovered they must pass along to the next generation.

There are four ways we may regard the past. To begin with, we may forget it. But this path leads to ignorance. We have not taught our children diligently about the real things we have discovered about God. To forget the past means that each generation has to start all over again.

A second thing we may do is defy the past. We do not like it, so we will rewrite it and reinterpret it. The third thing to say is that we may idolize the past. Idolatry is always slavery, and with it we put the chains about us that prevent

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us from moving forward.

Finally, we may learn from the past, and this is what the Bible demands. Morality is the experience of the race and the testimony of what works and what will not work. It does not change with the generations or the seasons and it is to be shared with our children. The great book, is the Bible, because it is the book of eternal wisdom. Here God has given to us, out of the experience of a people, out of the life of a person, truths we need to live by.

SERMON: "FAMILY RELIGION".
SCRIPTURE - Colossians 4: 14-15

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BABY BLESSING SERVICE

and dedication of parents will be held at the morning worship service on Sunday, May 16. If you are planning to bring your child to this service please call Mrs. Vaught before Thursday, the 13th.

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"A SPRING THING"

Please keep in mind that our Chancel Choir will entertain us with a Variety Show on Sunday evening, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. All of the choir members have tickets for sale. Get yours now!

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The ADVANCE PLAN COMMITTEE is meeting this Friday evening at 8 p.m. Mr. N. V. Blankenship, Board of Church Extention will be here to consult with this committee.

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Friday, May 7, is MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY - Church Women United.

Officers Serving May 9

ELDERS: Hugh Rice; Geo. Bruckman

Alternates: K. L. Edwards, Myron Cole

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: May 9, 16, 23

Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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Hosts for the Fellowship Hour May 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz.

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May 2, 1971

Church Attendance	226
Church School Attendance	150
Regular Church Offering	1151.26
Church School Offering	61.68
Building Fund	3.50
Children's Day	.50
	$ 1216.94

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1823 Griswold Dr., Apt-D-21. Monday, May 10, at 7:30 Worship and program by Miss Pearl Heidecker.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs Robert C. M. Scott, 1617 Edgewater Av. Tuesday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3406 MacArthur Drive, Tuesday, May 11, at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Worship by Mrs. Larry Barnes.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Donald Davenport, 4328 Hessen Cassel Rd. Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. Program by Mrs. Russell Wortley, Worship by Mrs. Charles Hunt.

YOUTH NOTES

The Bell Choir will meet at 5:00 p.m Saturday, May 6 for a final Mother's Day Service rehearsal.

Chi Rho, CYF and Junior Adventure

Youth will not meet this Sunday since it is Mother's Day. Rather, we urge all of our youth to stay at home that evening and spend it with their family.

CAR WASH

REMEMBER to get your car washed this Saturday, May 8. Have it cleaned and ready to take Mother to Church Sunday, (Mother's Day). The Car Wash is sponsored jointly by the CYF groups of the three Christian Churches here in Fort Wayne. Take your car to the parking lot, either at First Christian or at North Christian Church. Cars will be cleaned inside and out for the small sum of $1.00. Proceeds will go toward the joint trip the groups are making to some of our Disciple historic sites in Kentucky. Your patronage will be appreciated. HELP OUR YOUTH BECOME INFORMED DISCIPLES!

PRAYER GROUPS

The morning prayer group is now meeting at 10:00 a.m. every other Wednesday. Their next meeting will be May 19. The afternoon group is meeting each Monday afternoon at 1:30. Each of these groups meet for 1 hour. The evening group is meeting every other week with the dates set according to the convenience of the members. Their next meeting is Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. This group meets for 1-1/2 hrs. So far, all groups have met at the church. You are invited to join any one of these groups.

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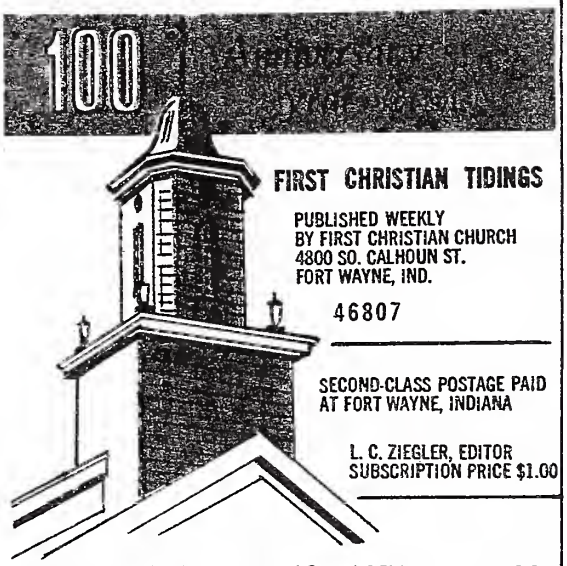

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, CALLS NEW MINISTER ....

REV. HAROLD E. CLINE, South Side Christian Church, Kokomo, Indiana, has accepted a Call to become the minister here at First Christian. He and his family will come to Fort Wayne sometime in August. We look forward to their coming with a great deal of anticipation.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

One necessity for a happy and for a definitely Christian life is to get rid of our resentments. Until we do that, we cannot pray the Lord's Prayer with any sincerity. We pray: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," but if we harbor resentments against others, that prayer becomes insincere.

One great resource against harboring resentments is to take a clear, objective look at ourselves. This will help us to see when we were in the wrong. Too few of us really take the trouble to examine

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ourselves for the ways in which we give offense while we are boiling with resentment against others.

In a Scottish village lived a man whose coat was covered with curious patches, most of them large and glaring. When asked why he wore these on his coat, he replied: "They represent the sins of my neighbors. I'm reminding them of their errors." On the back of his coat, squarely between his shoulders, was one tiny patch. When questioned about it, he answered: "Oh, that is my own sin. I canna' see it."

SERMON: "HARD WORDS"
Scripture Text: Mark 8: 27-34

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EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT - TEAM CAPTAINS

Ross Neirman	Ronald Gerow
Ben Taylor	George Warren
James Ruble	Edwin Allen
Ronald Aker	Mrs. R. E. Church
George Davis	Mrs. Wm. Love
	Jeffrey Olson

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ROSE SERVICE FOR BABIES

The blessing of Babies and dedication of parents will be this coming Sunday morning at the 10:30 Worship service. Those of you who are planning to bring your child to this service please call Mrs. Vaught before Thursday, May 13.

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"A SPRING THING"

Is the title of the Variety Show which will be given on Sunday evening, May 23 at 7:00 P.M. The 'thing' is sponsored by the Chancel Choir and the members have tickets to sell. Adults $1.00, children under 12, 50¢

Officers Serving May 16

ELDERS" Kenneth Edwards,
Raymond Fredericks

Alternates: Rolland Ripple, Wm. Love

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: May 16, 23 ..

Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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Hosts for Fellowship Hour on May 16: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Andrew.

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May 9, 1971

Church Attendance	263
Church School Attendance	164
Regular Church Offering	$ 1412.20
Church School Offering	61.65
Building Fund	5.25
	$ 1479.10

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday, May 18, at 9:30 A.M. All women of the church and friends are cordially invited. Group leaders will serve as hostesses. Mrs. George Bruckman and Mrs. Ben Taylor are co-chairman.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Kenneth Lytle and family, and to Mrs. Sam Greider in the recent death of Mrs. Dorothy Lytle.

Also, sympathy goes to Mrs. Ernest Tatman in the death of Mr. Tatman.

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Mrs. Roger Crist is in Moellering Unit Lutheran Hospital, # 212. Mr. Kenneth Timmons is in 417 St. Joseph's Hospital.

YOUTH NOTES

Junior Adventure Time - Mr. Hugh Rice will be a guest, speaking on "Honestyin all phases of our Lives". Mr. Hendricks Love will show movies. This will be the last meeting for this season.

CYF and Chi Rho will meet this Sunday evening at 6:00. CYF will discuss the complete plans for their Kentucky trip and for the senior breakfast. Chi Rho will discuss "Why Am I A Christian and What Does Being a Christian mean to Me?"

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

First Christian Church will have a Vacation Church School this summer. Mrs. Ted Bryan is chairman with Mrs. Wm Schilling and Mrs. W. J. Williams of the Christian Education Committee assisting. The School will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 15, 16 & 17, and the same days in following week - June 22, 23, & 24. Hours - 9:30 -12.00. Plan now for your child to attend. Watch future issues of Tidings for further details.

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PLEASE make CAMP and CONFERENCE checks payable to First Christian Church.

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The second BAZAAR WORKSHOP will be Wednesday, May 19 from 9:30 - 2:00 pm. All church women are invited. Bring a sack lunch, and scissors to work with. Donations of plastic bottles with handles (clorax bottles, etc) shirt cardboard, and clean discarded nylon hose are needed. Bring these items to the church before May 19.

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Mrs. Ella Maxwell, St. Joseph's # 206
J.C. Gerrard, #240 Lutheran Hospital.

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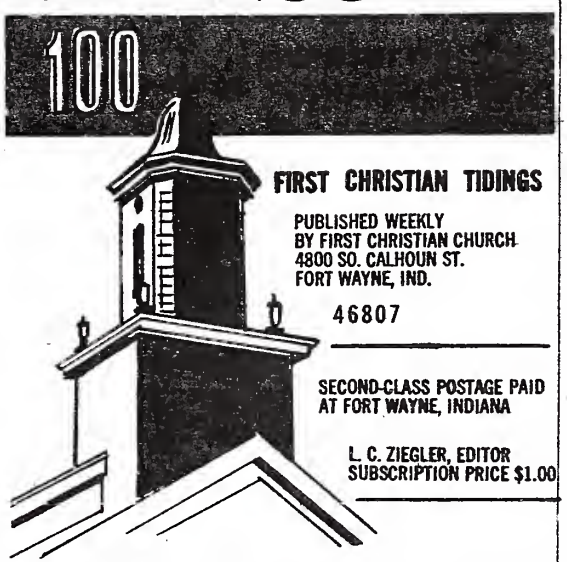

VolumeXXIX May 20, 1971 No.34

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A friend of mine was telling me recently how at the age of eleven, he discovered religion all by himself. "No prayin' over me, no pleadin', no pressure of any kind. Just little ol' me walking down the aisle all by myself to give my heart to Jesus".

Well, I suppose that sometimes it seems to happen this way, but none of us really find him all by ourselves. Think sometime, of all the influences that have been at work in molding your life and introducing you to the great experiences that have come to you. How few occasions there are in which we are individual and unrelated to others. Indeed, when a man begins to think of his religion as a purely personal matter, he is standing in the need of prayer.

SERMON: "GOD'S JUDGMENTS"
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 20: 1-16

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Will be this Sunday, May 23, following the Service of Worship: Officers will be elected for 1971-72 church year. An opportunity will be given to make nominations from the floor, however, the person making the nomination must have the consent of the nominee and also two others (all active and participating members) to second your nomination, and all four must be present in the service.

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THE MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW CHURCH BOARD WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, immediately following the Service of Worship. You will be notified!

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EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT .....

Sunday, May 23. Pledge cards for your convenience are in the mail. You may return them by mail to the church, or place them in the offering plates on this Sunday. Those who have not submitted their pledge will be called on, in your home, during the afternoon. Your cooperation will be most helpful. Thank you!

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Will be held during the weeks of June 14 and 21, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, beginning at 9:30 until 12:00. Mrs. Ted Bryan is the chairman of the school with Mrs. W.J. Williams and Mrs. Wm. Schilling serving as co-assistants. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to enroll your child.

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Officers Serving May 23

ELDERS: Harold Crowder; Fred Smell

Alternates: Ralph Church; Albert Powell

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: May 23.

Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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Hosts for Fellowship Hour on May 23 are Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice.

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May 16, 1971

Church Attendance	235
Church School Attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	$ 927.40
Church School Offering	58.18
Building Fund	2.15
	$ 987.73

"A SPRING THING"

The Variety Show sponsored by the Chancel Choir will be given this Sunday evening at 7:00 . Adults $1.00, children under 12, 50¢. Choir members have tickets

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Jack Brickley has undergone surgery and is at St. Joseph's Hospital, # 225.

Mrs. Wm. DeVinney had surgery lastweek Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital # 227

Mrs. Ollie Wiley, mother of Mrs. Homer Stevenson, is in Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations are extended to Stephen Ott and Joan Johnston who were united in marriage Saturday May 8th, in the sanctuary. The couple will make their home at 2943 St. Louis Avenue, this city.

The Boy Scout Troop have yard trash bags to sell ; see Max Finkhousen for these.

+YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho will have a picnic at Shoaff Park this Sunday afternoon. We will leave the church at 12:30. Bring sport clothes to church ready to change, and a covered dish and your own table service. Chi Rhoers may each bring one friend.

CYF will meet for one-half hour at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 23, to elect officers for next year. We will be out in plenty of time for the choir Variety Show. Baccalaureate for o ur seniors will be on Sunday morning, May 30. The Senior Breakfast will also be held that morning at 8:00 at the Baer Field Inn. Please save these dates

CAR WASH

The CYF groups from all three of the Christian Churches in Fort Wayne will sponsor another Car Wash on our parking lot this Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 to 4:00. This car wash is being held in order to complete funds for the joint bus trip to Kentucky in June. Your patronage will again be appreciated. Cost is $1.00, and cars will be cleaned inside and out.

SAVE OLD TELEPHONE BOOKS

Our Chi Rho will sponsor one more paper drive this spring on June 19. Your old papers have been most valuable to us. We ask you to save them again, but in addition, please save your old telephone directories. These are salable and weigh well.

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CAMP and CONFERENCE checks are to be made payable to First Christian Church.

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Volume XXIX May 27, 1971 No.35

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A great expert on international questions Sir Alfred Zimmern, was one day walking with a friend in a garden at Oxford University. The friend asked: "What, in your opinion, is the greatest bstacle between us and the building of enduring world peace?" Sir Alfred answered immediately: "The small-scale individual"

What is the greatest obstacle in building a church that is more truly an extension of the Incarnation? The small-scale church member.

What is the greatest obstacle in making America all that our forefathers dreamed for it? The answer is, of course, the small-scale citizen.

God is always putting us in a position where we are forced to become bigger than we are willing to be. But, out of this constant pressure, he tears down the walls we build to protect ourselves and he roots out the prejudices that keep us from loving one another. Today we must

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see all the world as one great family or perish. Today, when we preach Christianity, we are preaching survival.

SERMON: "THE MEASURING ROD"
Scripture: Zechariah 2: 1-2

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Ralph Weesner and family, in the recent death of Mr. Weesner's mother.

Mrs. Ella Maxwell is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. Robert Kernen is a patient in Lutheran hospital, # 631.

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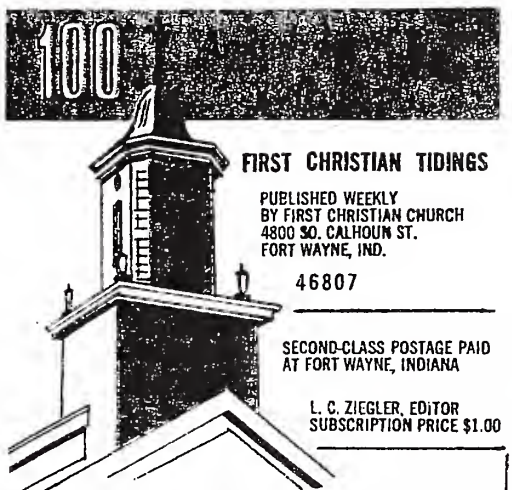

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

A great expert on international questions Sir Alfred Zimmern, was one day walking with a friend in a garden at Oxford University. The friend asked: "What, in your opinion, is the greatest bstacle between us and the building of enduring world peace?" Sir Alfred answered immediately: "The small-scale individual"

What is the greatest obstacle in building a church that is more truly an extension of the Incarnation? The small-scale church member.

What is the greatest obstacle in making America all that our forefathers dreamed for it? The answer is, of course, the small-scale citizen.

God is always putting us in a position where we are forced to become bigger than we are willing to be. But, out of this constant pressure, he tears down the walls we build to protect ourselves and he roots out the prejudices that keep us from loving one another. Today we must

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see all the world as one great family or perish. Today, when we preach Christianity, we are preaching survival.

SERMON: "THE MEASURING ROD"
Scripture: Zechariah 2: 1-2

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Rebellion and confusion are not confined to America. This is a prevailing weakness that is not confined to one nation or to one century. We do not understand the past and we fail to perceive where everything that has happened is tending.

That, said Jesus, was the fatal blindness in Jerusalem, and he wept over the city. Once we lose sight of where the past has brought us, we lose all sense of where we ought to be going.

The Church in any society serves best when it keeps before men the long past and then helps them look toward the long future. One without the other is never enough. Just when I get impatient with laymen who are not willing to look ahead. I get very worried about young people who often fail to consider the lessons that the past has taught us. So the Church's fellowship is made up of young and old, and how they need each other!

SERMON: "THE ORDINARY DAYS"
Scripture. Matthew 4. 1-11

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ORGANIZATION MEETING

The newly elected church board will meet for a short organizational meeting next Sunday morning, June 6, in the Church parlor immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing a chairman and vice-chairman of the board. Also, the Boards of Trustees, Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses will meet briefly to select their chairmen for the coming year. Reminders are in the mail.

The regular Church Board will hold their last meeting of the church year on Tuesday evening, June 8, in Fellowship Hall at 8 P.M. Members are urged to be present.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Will be held June 15, 16, 17, and 22 23, 24, from 9:30 until 12 noon. Theme: "Created by God" For details note the flier on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

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CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Envelopes for your offering will be distributed in the church school classes and also in the Church bulletins on this Sunday: G I V E !
. . . GET THE WORD AROUND THE WORLD!

Children's Day offerings are used for Education and leadership Development. community services, Church development, communications, social justice in our Overseas Ministries.

Officers Serving June 6

ELDERS: Donald Smith; Glenn Miller

Alternates: Rufus Quinn; J. E. Weicker

DEACONS:

Merle Rice *	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: June 6, 13

Mrs. F. E. Morrical; Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley will host the Fellowship hour this Sunday.

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May 30, 1971

Church Attendance	259
Church School Attendance	131
Regular Church Offering	$ 852.76
Church School Offering	45.82
Building Fund	12.00
	$ 910.58

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The GAMBOE Group will meet at the Church on Tuesday, June 8 at 1:00 PM Mrs. Wm. Crouse is hostess. Program by Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Ronald Aker, 6226 Covington Rd. Tuesday, June 8 at 8:00 PM Worship by Mrs. Dennis Andrew

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd. Wednesday, June 9 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Ross Neirman; Worship, Mrs. Jack Sauerwein.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Misses Mildred Hartman and Hutchinson 422 W. Oakdale Dr. Monday, June 14 for a picnic at 6:15 PM. Program: Mrs. Lucile Welch, Worship, Mrs. Speicher.

KENTUCKY TRIP

CYF'ers planning to go on the Kentucky trip MUST register with Mrs. Bixenman this Sunday, June 6. Cost is $5.00 per person. This to be paid when you register.

JUNE 13 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

As a part of our Centennial Year, an Ice Cream Social will be held on June 13, on the church lawn. Everyone is invited.

Home-made Ice Cream freezers are needed for the ice cream social on June 13. If you have a freezer and will lend it to the committee please call Arlene Lazzaro 745-7483 by Tuesday, June 8th.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Wendy Sell, 6 mo. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sell is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Gail Roe is in Lutheran Hospital for tests.

Mrs Roger Crist is till a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Robert Kemen is also a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. William. Crouse and Mr. Marvin Crouse and families, in the recent death of their mother at Summitville, Indiana. Their father is very ill at this time.

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Children's Day - June 6 .....

Church School special offerings will go to this cause:

OUTREACH TRANSFORMS
YOUR CONCERN
INTO ACTION!

1871 - 100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR - 1971

"WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY - HOW ARE CAN WE GO?

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Fort Wayne, Ind. 46806

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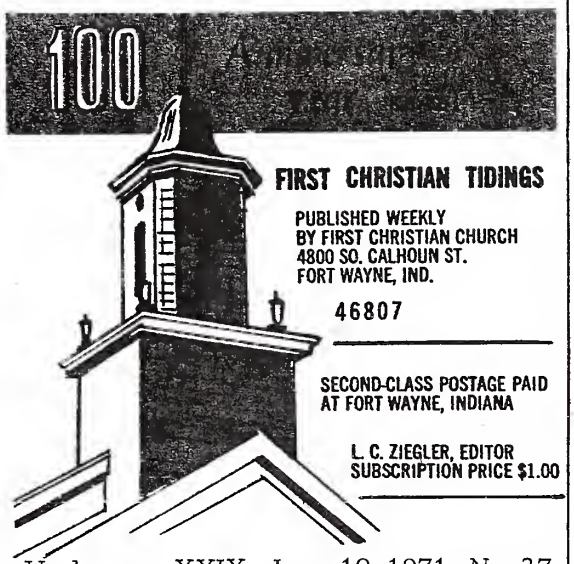

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THIS FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Did you ever have to endure listening to conversations held by your neighbors at a concert? They are the people who keep right on talking through the music. It becomes a terribly irritating thing, making us wish we could choke them in to silence. Once the conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham, gave this well-deserved reproach for talking to a concert audience, as described in a British paper. "Beethoven's music, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham - even that could not stop the chattering of certain stupid people at Convent Garden. Sir Thomas Beecham is a famous man and can afford to do what we ordinary people cannot. When he turned around and ordered the well-dressed prattlers to 'shut up' he said what we have all longed to say at various times. All who love music and hate stupidity are grateful to him." Lift that idea to a higher realm. Do we not sometimes talk through the music

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that God makes in His revelation to us? We can be so busy and wrapped up in our own sweet voices that we do not hear the voice of God. There is a text from the Bible that fits the case. It is "Be still, and know that I am God."

SERMON: "THE MARKS OF THE MASTER"

SCRIPTURE - Galatians 6: 17-18

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL - June 13

The Ice cream social will be held on the Church lawn from 5 to 7 P.M. June 13. Everyone is invited. A free-will offering will be taken.

NOTE: All who are lending ice cream freezers, please have them at the church by 3 p.m. and be sure to have it marked with your name.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Homer Stevenson and family in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Ollie Wiley.

Our sympathy goes to William Crouse and Marvin Crouse and families in the recent death of their father, Mr. James Crouse, at Summitville.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Richard McVay from School of Medicine Indianapolis;

Nathan Love from Regional Indiana-Purdue, with Highest Distinction.

Mrs. Thomas Ogles from St. Francis College.

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ON VACATION - The Church staff will be on vacation for several days this week and next: Mrs. Bixenman this Friday and Saturday; Mrs. Vaught this Thursday until Wednesday, the 16th.

Homemade

Church Lawn

ice cream social

Homemade cakes

toppings

Bring a guest

free will offering

Sunday
June 13, 1971, 5-7 pm

Officers Serving June 13

ELDERS: Cecil Rice; Hendricks Love

Alternate: Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Mark Snyder *	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	James Heavin

DEACONESSES: June 13

Mrs. F. E. Morrical; Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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Mr. & Mrs. Merle Grimm will host the Fellowship Hour this Sunday.

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June 6, 1971

Church Attendance	183
Church School Attendance	118
Regular Church Offering	$ 1356.50
Building Fund	8.00
Children's Day Offering	271.56
	$ 1636.06

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with the Misses Mildred Hartman and Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale Dr. Monday, June 14, for a picnic at 6:15 P.M. Installation of officers; program by Mrs. Lucile Welch; Worship by Mrs. Charles Speicher.

CWF GENERAL MEETING

Will be held Tuesday June 15 at 8 P.M. in the Church parlor. Program and Worship by the Executive Committee; Installation of Officers, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell; Hostesses, Montgomery Group; Refreshments will be served by Fellowship Guild.

CWF Bazaar Workshop will be on Wednesday, June 16 from 9:30 to 2 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Begins next Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. It will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings each of the next two weeks, June 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. There is no fee for this school, but an offering will be taken each day. Hours daily will be 9:30 to 12:00. All Children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to attend. Children of our teachers who are under 3 are also invited. Mrs. Ted Bryan is administrator of the school, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Schilling and Mrs. W. J. Williams of the Christian Education committee. Teachers are: Nursery Department: Mrs. Merle Grimm and Mrs. Robert Johnson; Kindergarten: Mrs. Ross Nierman and Mrs. Ronald Aker; Elementary I, Mrs. William Love and Mrs. Rex Meadows; Elementary II: Mrs. Clair Buskirk and Mrs. Lozier Ziegler; Elementary III, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Miss Kathy Bryan. The Elementary III Section (5th and 6th grades) will be a day camp experience. Others classes will be at the Church. Please enroll your children this Sunday.

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NEW CHURCH BOARD OFFICERS elected last Sunday are: Chairman, George Bruckman; Vice-chairman, Charles R. Ludwig; Chrm. Trustees, Bert Leversee; Chrm. Elders, Dr. James Ruble; Chrm. Deacons, Carl Lazzaro; Chrm, Deaconesses, Mrs. Robert Ogles.

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We would respectfully request that our members, please refrain from using a gummed tape of any kind for sealing offering envelopes. Thank you!

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Volume XXIX, June 17, 1971 No. 38

SUMMER SCHEDULE . .
Church's School 9:00 until 9:50 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 until 11:00 A.M.

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

It is amazing how many good people there are who are seeking to live life on the basis of the minimum of requirements and the minimum of needs. How different was Jesus. Take the word about his coming that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Read again the Beatitudes and learn that all of these experiences are to make us live in a bigger, wider world. We must somehow help people to understand that the Gospel is not primarily to curb us. It is to teach us how to discover and enjoy all that God has given to make His children happy. The purpose of any Christian sacrifice is to achieve something greater which could never be possessed without giving up something smaller.

SERMON: "LOOKING AT LIFE"
Scripture James 4: 12-17

MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE CHURCH BOARD at a recent congregational meeting:

Trustee - Bert W. Leversee
Elders: Rolland Ripple, William Crouse, Alfred Schell, David Griggs, Earl A. Plummer, Robert Rayl, Andrew C. Cook Bert Leversee.
Deacons: Robert Hendricks, Robert Petty Donald Pomeroy, John Hechler, Robert Ogles, Carl Lazzaro, Thomas Frappier, Orie McDougle, Steven Bruckman.
Deaconesses Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Max L. Finkhousen, Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mrs. Carl Lazzaro, Debbie Allen.
Church Treasurer - Andrew C. Cook
Assistant Treasurer - Herbert C. Banet
Financial Secretary - Ralph E. Church
Ass't Financial Secretaries - Romane H. Cole, Walter Birkhold, William Crouse, Wendell Glass, Hugh Rice.
Church Clerk - Mrs. Owen Vaught
Church School Secretaries - Mrs. Helen Clymore, Mrs. Walter Keebortz.

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"Sympathy costs nothing" is only a half-truth. Genuine sympathy always calls forth service that helps. The Samaritan's sympathy cost him a part of two days time and some money, but it made him immortal as the world's greatest example of neighborly sympathy and helpfulness. - St. Louis Christian Advocate.

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The missionary enterprise is not the church's afterthought. It is the church's forethought. It is not secondary and optional, it is primary and vital.

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Officers Serving June 20

ELDERS: Eugene Klepfer; Ted Bryan
Alternates George Bruckman, Kenneth Edwards

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig *	Vernon Moore
Stanley Cole	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Nathan Love
Arthur Mowery	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: June 20, 27
Mrs. Paul Yentes; Mrs. Robert Rayl

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June 13, 1971

Church Attendance	196
Church School Attendance	135
Regular Church Offering	873.69
Church School Offering	52.50
Refurbishing Fund	10.00
Children 's Day Offering	25.00
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PERSONAL MENTION

Have you noted the new table in the Narthex? It was given in memory of Ansel Gaskill by his wife. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for this lovely gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Herdis G. Helmuth will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday June 27, from 2 until 5, at the church. A cordial invitation is extended to members and friends in the church.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Henry Schryver, Bud and Kurt, in the recent death of husband and father.

Congratulations to Ross Nierman , who graduated from Purdue University this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lazzaro will host the Fellowship Hour this Sunday.

THANK YOU!

The Centennial Dinner Committee wishes to thank all those who donated cakes and freezers for the ice cream social. And a special thank you to those who put in many long hours of hard work. Without all of you the social would not have been such a success.

PAPER SALE

The Chi Rho Fellowship will sponsor their last paper sale of the year on Saturday, June 26. Papers may be brought to the church and placed on the stage any time before that Saturday. If you need papers picked up, please call Mrs. Bixenman at the church before Thursday, June 24.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations go to Mike Shannon, who received his Master's degree from Tennessee Tech. Cookeville. He has been accepted for work toward his doctorate at the University of Arizona. He and Deborah (Love) are now living in Tucson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jenkins cordially invites everyone in our congregation to the wedding of their daughter, Linda Marie, to Steven Alan Yokel, Saturday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m., in the sanctuary.

The Third Annual Three Rivers Festival will be held in Fort Wayne, July 10 - 18. July 11 has been designated as "Festival Sunday". If you plan to attend the "Festival' you will want to retain these dates.

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Volume XXIX June 24, 1971 No. 39

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Church's School 9:00 until 9:50 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 until 11:00 AM

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

One of the besetting sins of our time is a tendency to lower the standards so that every person can meet them. This is a betrayal of the truth of life and it is no favor to those caught up in the process, There have been few times when louder voices have insisted more continuously that we must eliminate all standards of behavior so that anyone who does as he pleases will not feel uncomfortable. If by chance we should arrange a society with this kind of philosophy, we would find soon enough that the world is not so constituted and we are training people to live in some fool's paradise.

Is it not true that, as you look back over your own life, the things that really mattered represented victories? The standards that are high and demand almost more than we have in the way of

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natural ability are God's hand on us. We certainly go wrong when we make the ultimate criterion in any field a passing grade even when our achievements are mediocre.

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SERMON: "RESPONSIBILITIES"
SCRIPTURE: John 13: 2-7

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Fred Hilker and Sarah Banet had short stays at Lutheran Hospital last week.

Mrs. Ethel Koontz is at Lutheran Hospital, room 763.

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1971 RETREATS FOR MEN ..... at Indian Lake, September 10-12, $17.00
Bedford Camp, September 17, 18, fee $14.00;
Barbee Camp, September 24 -26, fee $17.00.
Registration blanks are available in the church office.

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CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

Anyone wishing to give a memorial to the church during our 100th Anniversary year, please contact Mrs. Vaught at the Church office, or Bert W. Leversee.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be at Louisville, Kentucky October 15-20, 1971. Registration Fees for non-voting members, $7.50; Voting representatives $12.50; Students $3.00. Forms for registration are available at the Church office. We hope for a good representation from First Christian, Fort Wayne.

Officers Serving June 27

ELDERS: Myron Cole; Wm. Caldwell
Alternates: Ray Fredericks; Rolland Ripple

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman *	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Herbert Banet
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	Carl Lazzaro

DEACONESSES: June 27
Mrs. Paul Yentes; Mrs. Robert Rayl

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Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman will host Fellowship Hour this Sunday.

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June 20, 1971

Church Attendance	192
Church School Attendance	140
Regular Church Offering	$ 1140.05
Church School Offering	54.99
Refurbishing Fund	5.00
Building Fund	2.00
Children's Day	5.00
	$ 1207.04

YOU ARE INVITED!

Mr. and Mrs. Herdis Helmuth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in the church parlor on this Sunday, June 27 from 2 until 5 p.m. And, you are invited!

Linda Jenkins has invited friends and members of the church to her wedding to Steven Yokel this Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The wedding of Rebecca Presnell and Mark Townsend will be on Saturday July 10 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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Deaconesses, please meet with Mrs. Ogles in Chapel after service, June 27.

PAPER SALE

Don't forget the Chi Rho paper sale on Saturday. Any donations of paper must be brought to the church before Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

We have long talked of a Family Camp Out for those at First Christian Church who are interested. The date has been set for August 7 & 8. The evening of August 6 might also be included if the group desires. All persons interested in being a part of this Camp-out, call the Church Office by July 1 and give us your name. The group interested will be called together for a brief planning meeting later in July.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL FORUM

Beginning Sunday, July 11, interested adult classes will meet together in Fellowship Hall during the Church School hour for the balance of July and all of August. The forum will use such discussion starters as films, speakers, panels. etc.

1972 YEAR BOOK

It is time again for the office to compile the information for the 1972 Year Book of the Christian Church(Disciples of Christ). Will classes or other groups in the church who have given support to benevolent causes other than Unified Promotion during year June 30, 1970 - June 30, 1971, please call in to Mrs. Vaught the amount given and to what organization or person it was sent, by July 6.

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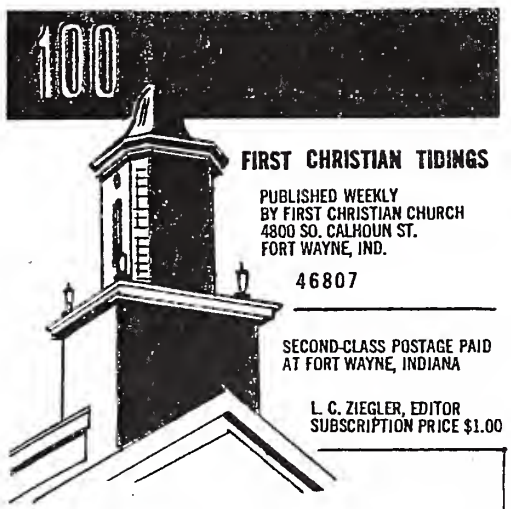

Volume XXIX August 5, 1971 No. 44

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Church's School 9:00 until 9:50 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:00 until 11:00 A.M

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Francis Parkman was a New Englander who wanted to study the Indians in their own country, and so he traveled to the West. He wrote about it in one of the fine histories of early America which he called THE OREGON TRAIL. He relates in the book that he was hunting one day and he shop an antelope. Then he says: "When I stood by his side, the antelope turned his expiring eye upward. 'Fortunate that I am in a hurry', thought I;'I might be troubled with remorse, if I had time for it.'"

Does he not speak a great deal to us in those few words? Have you ever stopped to wonder how many things you have passed by because you had no time? Does it ever seem to you that the really important affairs receive scanty attention as we are on our way to something less

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important? Our way of life does not encourage being troubled with remorse or with appreciation.

But we pay a big price for this hurry by becoming nervous, worried, lonely, and afraid. The Bible suggests that God usually found men in deep and significant ways when they stopped a while or withdrew from the turmoil of social life.

The Church ought to draw the attention of this generation to things it is too busy to note.

SERMON - for August 8 -

"TOMORROW'S DESTINY"

SCRIPTURE Text: Acts 3: 14-15.

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FAMILY CAMP-OUT

A number of families in our church will be camping this coming weekend, and worshipping together in a camp setting. This weekend has been planned in an effort to help our folks truly develop a feeling of "Church Family" and interrelationships and concern for each other.

ADVENTURE DAYS

Three Adventure days have been planned for our boys and girls during the month of August. The first is for 3rd and 4th graders, and will be held on Wednesday, August 11. We will meet at the Church at 8:45 a.m. and will visit the Seyfert Potato Chip Factory. Boys and girls are asked to bring a sack lunch. We will return to the Church for lunch and will be dismissed by 12:30.

Future Adventure Days will be held on August 18 for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders; and on August 25 for 5th and 6th graders. Watch future TIDINGS for details.

August 5, 1971

Dear Friends:

On August 15, 1971, Rev. Ziegler will terminate his service with us as our interim pastor. He and his wife, Betty, have been with us since November, 1970, and have served us capably and diligently, We know that many will want to visit personally with them therefore we invite you to a reception given in their honor.

Time - August 15, 1971. 2:30 to 4:40 P.M.

Place - Parlor, First Christian Church

Sincerely,

GR Bruckman

George R. Bruckman, Chairman
Congregation and Church Board

Officers Serving August 8

ELDERS: Ben Taylor; Kenneth Edwards

Alternates: Ray Fredericks; Rolland Ripple

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	John F. Hechler

DEACONESSES: August 8

Mrs. Rolland Ripple; Mrs. Robt. Ogles

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August 1, 1971

Church Attendance

Church School Attendance

Regular Church Offering

Church School Offering

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Helen Clymore is now at home recuperating after having surgery. Mrs. Elaine Conrad is recovering from a fall. She was in Parkview hospital.

INVITATION - Members of the church and friends are cordially invited to the wedding of Miss Gloria McVay and Richard Cochran, Saturday, August 6 at 1:30 P.M. in the snactuary. A reception will follow.

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In recent weeks First Christian Church has been the recipient of a bequest of $19,500 from Miss Verna Sullivan's estate; A suitable memorial for Miss Sullivan will be purchased and placed in the sanctuary. The Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion received a like amount from from this estate. This is one example of Christian stewardship.

ADULT AND YOUTH FORUM

Several areas of church life and work have been touched upon todate in the Adult and Youth Forum. These have included the film strip, "Let's Face It" provided by our Board of Church Extension and depicting the relationship between groups (their size and make up) in the church and overall church growth two representatives from Inter-Religious Action Council told us of the new Project Involvement which is being implemented in Fort Wayne; the excellent film, "What Is the Church?" designed to help us re-examine our own image of the church and our involvement it it; and this past week the film strip, "Agenda for the '70's" dealing the churches responsibility in social reform. This coming week a panel of our own members will discuss the topic, "In Transition", concerning themselves with our responsibility in helping a new minister as he comes into our midst. On August 8, we will see the film, "Man On a Skate Board". To this session, not only are our high school youth invited to participate with the adults, but also our Chi Rho and 5th and 6th graders. The film involves one man's ministry to his fellow man, even in spite of almost insurmountable handicaps. During the last two weeksof Aug. we will be formulating questions persons may have regarding our new Christian Life Curriculum, with a guest leader here to help us in regard to these questions. Several of these subjects are vital to all groups.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

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SUMMER SCHEDULE - through August:
Church's School 9:00 until 9:50 AM
Worship 10:00 until 11:00 A.M.

AU REVOIR

For the past several months we have met and visited with you through this column. It has been a privileged experience and has come to be like a friendly street along which we have walked, greeting our friends with word and thought. Many we have not met, and there are some whose name we could not call. Nevertheless we have shared much together and communicated in Christian love. Now, as is true with all streets, we come to its end; and so we turn, looking back in all humility and in reverent thanks to God who has led us this way. For on our journey of Christian service this street has brought us much pleasure and many pleasant memories.

My wife and family thank you for enriching our lives. We leave you with mixed emotions, sorry to go but thrilled

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and expectant for your great future. May you bring to your new minister and his family the same love and patience you have brought to us. May God's blessing be with you now and always.

-- L. C. and Betty Ziegler.

RECEPTION: and tea will be held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ziegler on Sunday afternoon, August 15, from 2 to 5. at First Christian Church. All members of the church and friends are cordially invited.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Kenneth Edwards was a patient at Lutheran hospital, having undergone surgery on July 30.

Mr. James Knight has been in intensive care following an automobile accident on July 31.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. O. G. Baugher in the recent death of a son, George P. Relue.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robert Kemen and family in the death of Mr. Kemen at Houston, Texas, July 28.

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION . . .

On behalf of the members of the congregation, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to L. C. Ziegler for his continued concern for all of us, especially for our sick and home-bound; for those hospitalized and others of us who have experienced sorrow during his interim ministry. Our best wishes and our prayers go with Betty and Lozier to whatever field of Christian ministry they may be called. Thank you, friends!

-- George Bruckman, chairman of the Congregation.

CHURCH FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES and their DUTIES AUGUST 11, 1971

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY: At least one trustee and the Financial Secretary shall be members of this committee.

DUTIES: They shall supervise the church building and grounds, and all general equipment, including care, repair, decoration and protection. Such actions shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for recommendation and recommended to the official board.

The Department shall have oversight of the work of the custodian, and have authority to RECOMMEND the hiring and/or dismissal of a custodian as occasion requires; to see that instructions to the custodian are carried into effect. (Custodian work sheet)

The department of property shall supervise the purchase and installation of all new equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS The chairman of this Department shall be appointed from the Board of Elders.

DUTIES: (1) Be responsible for the public worship services of the church, including order of service, ushering, general decorum and physical aids to worship.

(2) Within this Department - the Deacons shall be responsible for the Communion and baptismal services jointly with the Deaconesses, including the preparation of the Baptistry and care of baptismal equipment; to see that the baptistry is in readiness and the water warmed to the proper temperature; to attend baptismal services and render any assistance that may be necessary.

(2-a) The Deaconesses shall be responsible for the care and preparation of the Communion emblems; to attend baptismal services and render any assistance that may be necessary; assist in preparation of the baptistry and care of baptismal equipment.

(3) This Department, with the Minister(s), shall develop a program of personal devotional life throughout the membership of the church, including promotion of daily devotions, prayer groups, special prayer services, and other devotional services in the sanctuary of the church.

(a) They shall serve in an advistory capacity for: "Christian Family Life", School for Christian Living", and church study groups.

DUTIES of USHERS: The chairman of Ushers shall be chosen from the Church Board, and shall be a member of the Department of Worship. Shall plan for the quiet, orderly and dignified seating of the audience at the various services of the church and at any special gatherings of the church; to have complete control of heating, ventilating and lighting; and the public address system.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN ACTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - The Chairman shall be taken of the Church Board.

DUTIES: Promote and supervise brotherly love in the church with such agencies of the community as the realm of Christian Action suggests in the Brotherhood. Develop a program of service and relief to , meet the needs of Church members, the community, and the world-wide community.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - The Chairman of this department shall be chosen of the Church Board.

DUTIES: To plan a comprehensive and co-ordinated program of Christian Education.

(2) Administer and supervise the Church School, including the fixing of educational leadership standards, and materials; and the selection of teachers and assistants; and the children's librarian.

(3) Administer and supervise such organizations and projects as Vacation Church School; Sunday morning extended sessions; Chi Rho; Christian Youth Fellowship; Special Educational classes; Schools for Christian Living, etc.

(4) Maintain and supervise recreational programs

(5) Create and promote a program of Christian Family Life (in cooperation with the Department of Worship and Fine Arts).

Departments and Committees shall incur expense against the accounts of the Church ONLY by the sanction of the Financial Secretary AND the Church Board.

(These items are excerpts from the Church By-laws - we suggest you file this sheet for future reference.)

Officers Serving August 15

ELDERS: Ralph Church; Eugene Klepfer
Alternates: Andrew Cook;
Bert Leversee

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Arthur Mowery
Steven Bruckman	Robert Petty
Delmas Young	E. M. O'Laughlin
Nathan Love	Walter Keebortz

DEACONESSES: August 15, 22, 29
Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Robt. Hendricks

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You will find on the inside of this issue of the Tidings, excerpts from the By-laws of the church which pertain to the duties of various functional committees and departments. We hope you will become familiar with the contents of this sheet and also file it for future reference.

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CWF Workshop is scheduled for August 18, at 9:30, to continue the bazaar project. Bring a sack lunch.

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Families and individuals who enjoyed a week-end camp-out were: Mr. & Mrs Ben Taylor and family; the Marvin Crouses, Dr. James Ruble's family, the Russell Wortley family, Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, the Robert Uricks, the Ross Niermans', and the Ronald Aker family.

August 1, 1971

Church Attendance	208
Church School Attendance	96
Regular Church Offering	1057.74
Church School Offering	47.14
Building Fund	15.75
Memorial (Mrs. Wiley)	25.00
New Equipment	233.50
	$ 1379.13

Sunday, August 15, we will see the film, "Man On a Skate Board" during the church school hour. The film shows how one man, a layman, ministered to all those about him even with multiple handicaps, even from the lowly position of operator of a corner newstand, he was a real force and inspiration to all who came in contact with him in the ordinary walks of life. Don't miss this interesting and provocative film.

ADVENTURE DAYS

The Adventure Day for Kindergarten, first and second graders will be on Wednesday, August 18. We will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. and will visit the #3 Fire Station Downtown. Bring a sack lunch. We will return to the Church for lunch and will be dismissed by 12:30.

'58 CLASS PICNIC

The '58 Class with their families, will have a picnic at Shoaff Park, Conklin Pavilion at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. This notice is an open invitation to everyone in the church and is a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman, who are leaving Fort Wayne to make their home in Colorado, and for Mr. & Mrs. Carl Lazzaro and family who will be making their home in Shipshewanna Indiana. So bring either hamburger or hot dogs, enough for your family and a covered dish and join us at Shoaff Park.

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50th ANNIVERSARY - 1971

Mr. and Mrs James M. Hirschy will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary the 15th of August from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the Country Kitchen Reception room, 3225 No. Wells Street. Church members and friends are invited.

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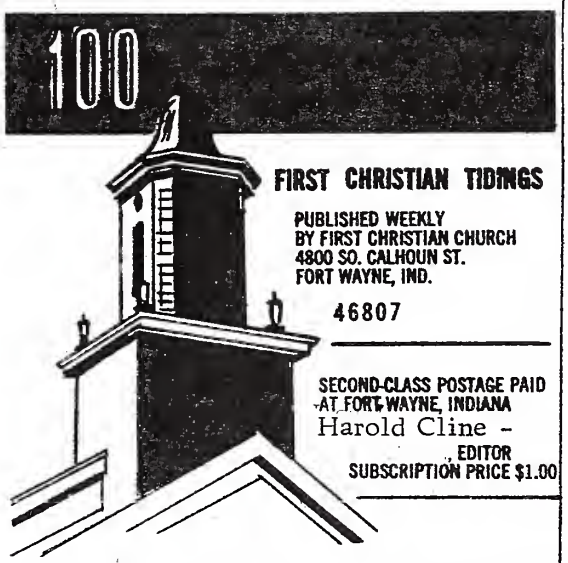

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GREETINGS:

Expectations run high as I look forward to my first Sunday with you and to the formal installation on the 29th. "CHANNELING GOD'S LOVE" will be the sermon as I open this new relationship.

Read II Corinthians 4 and 5 in preparation for this experience of worship with God.

See you Sunday!

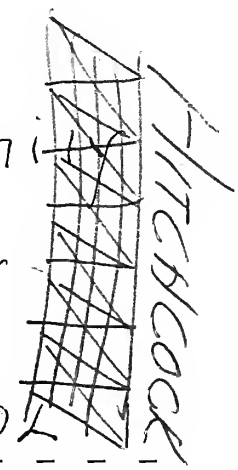
Harold E. Cline.

Welcome

to the CLINE Family

HAROLD / RUBY

SALLY - CHAD - CAROL



Dr. Cline will be in the pulpit this Sunday, August 22, for the 10:00 O'clock Service of Worship. The family will be present at the Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the Service, when you will have the opportunity to welcome them to Fort Wayne and to our Church, and to get better acquainted with the whole family.

Dr. Cline will be officially installed as minister of this church on Sunday, August 29, at 10:00 A.M. A guest minister will officiate at his installation.

Officers Serving August 22

ELDERS: Harold Crowder; Albert Powell

Alternates: Wm. Caldwell; Wm. Love

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Homer Stevenson
Robt Hendricks	Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver	Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein	Orie McDougle

DEACONESSES: August 22, 29.

Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Robt. Hendricks

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August 8, 1971

Church Attendance	219
Church School Attendance	86
Regular Church Offering	$ 1161.55
Church School Offering	34.44
Building Fund	5.00
Missions	10.00
	$ 1210.99

August 15, 1971

Church Attendance	252
Church School Attendance	92
Regular Church Offering	$ 1266.63
Church School Offering	41.33
Building Fund	8.10
Missions	10.00
	$ 1326.06

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CWF GROUP STUDY LEADERS

There will be a meeting Monday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 P.M. at the church for all those who will lead the study in CWF groups on "Technethics". Help on Special resources and possible suggested methods of presenting the material will be given. Study chairman are urged to have all women who will lead the study in any month at this meeting.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE - Through August: The Church's School 9:00 - 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:00 until 11:00 A.M.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR 5th and 6th GRADES

Wednesday, August 25, all 5th and 6th graders are asked to meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., for their adventure day. We will visit the Archway Cookie Co., and will then all go fishing. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal (drink will be furnished) and 50¢ to help provide food for the evening meal. Bring your fishing equipment.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Abbie Shockney is a patient in 670 Lutheran Hospital. She has suffered a broken rib.

Mrs. Cathy(Dusing) Caldwell was a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Kenneth Hunt is in 404 Lutheran Hosp.

Kenneth Edwards is now recuperating at home after several days in the hospital.

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DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY: will be Sunday, August 29 at Camp Barbee; Registrations at 2:00 p.m. Program: 2:30 - 7:30. Picnic dinner at 6:15. Bring your family and a basket of food. There will be National and State leaders, and our new minister, on the program. Church officers and Department heads are especially urged to come.

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Beginning September 5 and for the month, we will be on the air over Radio Station WGL. Services will begin Church School 9:00 - 10:15 A.M. Service of Worship 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin on Thursday evening, September 2 at 7:30 Mark your calendar.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29 -
9:00 A.M. - Church School
10:00 A.M. - Church at worship
Installation service for Rev. Cline
Dr. Richard E. Lentz, preaching
2:00 - 7:30 P.M. District One Assembly at Camp Barbee.

Thursday, September 2
7:30 P.M. Choir rehearsal -- Invitation for all singers to join.

Sunday, September 5
9:00 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. Church at Worship -
This service will be broadcast during September over Radio WGL.

CENTENNIAL CARNIVAL AND BOX SOCIAL. September 19 - 4:00 P.M.

CENTENNIAL WEEK CELEBRATION
November 14 to 21

INSTALLATION OF REV. CLINE ...

Harold E. Cline will be installed as the senior pastor of this congregation Sunday morning at the 10:00 A.M. worship hour. Dr. Richard E. Lentz, Executive minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, will preach and lead in the covenant of installation.

Dr. Cline received his Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga, just this August 14. He had received B.A. and M.A. degrees from Butler University and the B.D. degree from Christian Theological Seminary in the 1950's. He served as senior pastor at South Side Christian in Kokomo for 12 years, 4-1/2 years at Arcadia Christian, and 4-1/2 years at Smartsburg Christian near Crawfordsville He also served the Rosston Congregational-Christian Church on a half-time preaching basis for one year and as Assistant Pastor at E. 49th St. Christian in Indianapolis.

Dr. Lentz served in four pastorates mainly in Indiana before serving for 20 years on the staff of the National Council of Churches and our United Christian Missionary Society. He has written 7 books in the areas of Christian family life, Christian education, and church leadership. He served as Interim Pastor at South Side in Kokomo for one year during the Educational Leave of Rev. Cline in 1966-69.

Also participating as guests in the installation service will be Rev. Olden Mitchell, Pastor at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, and Rev. James L. Cline, pastor of the North Hill Christian Church in Akron, Ohio, as well as leaders of the congregation.

Officers Serving August 29

ELDERS: Ray Fredericks, Rolland Ripple

Alternates: George Bruckman, Ted Bryan.

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks	Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz	Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver	Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein	Orie McDougle

DEACONESSES: August 29

Mrs. Raph Church; Mrs. Robt. Hendricks

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RESPONSE ON AUGUST 22, 1971

Church in Worship	444
Church's School	120
Church Budget Giving	$ 1162.86

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PERSONAL MENTION

Wedding by Pastor in Chapel: George W. Gillam and Mary Ellen Coate on August 21, 1971. They will reside at 2605 S. Park Rd. in Kokomo.

Mrs. Shockney had been dismissed from Lutheran Hospital when I visited Monday.

Derric Sands was admitted to the Pediatric ward at Lutheran Hospital on Monday evening of this week.

Best wishes go with the Ross Nierman's who left last Sunday to make their home at 1301 Edison, LaJunta, Col.

We are pleased that Judy (Mrs. Ron.) Aker will be our new CWF president this year. Congratulations, Judy!

Mrs. Ethel Allen has made a gift to the church of a crystal punch bowl and cups. We extend our appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Allen for this lovely gift.

The Friendly Class recently gave a large coffee pot, tea kettle and a number of much needed dish cloths. Words of appreciation go to the members of this class for their gifts.

August 30 is the birthday of Mrs. Hazel Bundy who makes her home in the Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin Zip - 46151

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Cline, and children, Sally Jane and Chad Erwin, transferred membership from the South Side Christian Church in Kokomo. Their address is 5705 Fernwood Avenue with a zip of 46809 and a telephone number of 747-6587. Harold was baptized at First Christian Church in Canton, Ohio and then transferred to the following churches served - Smartsburg Christian, RR. Crawfordsville; Arcadia Christian, Arcadia, Indiana; South Side Christian, Kokomo, Indiana; Ruby was baptized in the Smartsburg Church and has belonged since then along with her husband. Sally and Chad were baptized at Kokomo in 1968 and 1971 respectively. Sally will be a junior at Elmhurst high School and Chad a seventh grader at Kekionga junior high. Carol Ann is also in the home and will be in the fifth grade at Indian Village.

CENTENNIAL WEEK CELEBRATION COMING - NOVEMBER 14-21, 1971

Memory is a peculiar thing that often needs unlockin'
By the thoughts of other who recall an event almost forgotten.
If you've a good remembrance about our congregation,
Please share it with the rest of us
So we can print it here for your information.

Do you remember ... that our Carillon Bells were given by J. Hugh Tracey in loving memory of his wife and children?

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, September 1, at 9:00 AM.

OUR DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY AT CAMP BARBEE -

Our Disciple Churches in this part of Indiana will gather at our state conference grounds at Camp Barbee this Sunday afternoon and early evening. All our people are urged to participate in this venture of relationship for growth.

Registration opens the day at 2:00 P.M. Carlton D. Garrison will speak at 2:30 P.M. He is the current District president and the Senior Pastor at Central Christian Church in Elkhart.

Workshops will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. These include Stewardship led by James Lollis of our Unified Promotion staff in Indianapolis; Leadership Development led by Joyce Naile; and Small Groups and Lay Evangelism led by Harold and Ruby Cline with assistance from some lay persons.

District business will be handled in a session beginning at 4:00 followed by a presentation on the APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH of our Christian Church in Indiana.

The supper at 6:15 is a shared venture with each bringing food, table service, and drink. The closing worship will end at 7:30 p.m.

We invite all to share in this District program.

CALLING ALL MEN

The 1971 Retreat for men at Barbee Camp will be September 24-26. Registration materials can be secured in the office or from the pastor. Pre-registration for meals and materials is $17.00.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUPS TO BEGIN

Last spring three prayer-study groups were started. All three of these will resume meeting in early September. Additional persons interested in such a group are especially invited to any of the groups. It is the plan that these groups will meet together not more than two years and will then divide, hopefully to become the nucleus for additional groups, which will also meet for a specified time. The morning group, which meets every two weeks, will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8. The afternoon group which meets weekly, will resume Monday, September 13, at 1:30 PM. and the evening group, which meets every two weeks, will resume on Monday, September 13, at 7:30 P.M.

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NEW CYF GROUP (that is those who will be in grades 10, 11, 12, this fall, will have a party and sharing session with the Clines at 5705 Fernwood Ave on Wednesday, September 1, from 7-10. Bring swim suits and towel if you desire a swim.

NEW CHI RHO GROUP (that is those who will be in grades 7, 8, 9 this fall) will have a party and sharing session with the Clines, at 5765 Fernwood Ave. on Thursday, September 2 from 2-5. Bring swim suits and towel.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SINGLES will have a sharing session with the Clines from 8-11 on Thursday, September 9. If choir member, come directly from choir rehearsal.

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

We rejoiced greatly in the sense of expectency and joy of our people and the many who shared in our worship hour this past Sunday. This coming Sunday with Dr. Richard E. Lentz preaching the sermon for the Installation Service will be a highlight in our worship which should challenge us all to faithfulness and coming ministry together in the cause of our Lord. See you Sunday!

As I come among you, may I underscore some helps which can assist me in my pastoral ministry with you. Feel free to call upon me as your pastor. Notification should be made to me or the church office in case of sickness or any kind of hospitalization. When entering a hospital, be sure to indicate that you are from First Christian Church and use my name as your pastor. Our hospitals make notification but do need full information so that contact can be made. The additional personal or office contact is a double check upon the system for sometimes it takes too much time for the information to come through the hospital channels.

Likewise, I welcome suggestions for calls or contacts as I greet you on Sunday morning or at other times. Feel free to give these by telephone or if in person, write it down on a slip of paper so that I might remember beyond our verbal conversation. Help me to be aware of needs and opportunities for the church to share and touch life with the love of God in our Lord Jesus.

As I undertake this task as your pastor, I would invite all to sense that this is a shared ministry. We all are channels by which persons may be confronted by Christ alive in us so that they may respond in faith and love to our Lord. Let us be concerned for one another and love those about us. Something needs to be moving through us so that others may come to the quality and fullness of life which comes through Christ. Let us be channels to persons for our Lord. Speak, act, encourage, listen and love. Let us open the channels of our lives so that persons may come to the living Christ.

Harold E. Clune

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THE INCHWORM

An inchworm measured by the inch, puffed out with pride at an inch and a half; He turned to see the other worms flinch, but they knew their wormness measured an inch, and they only started to laugh. And even he was forced to smile when he measured his inch against a mile.

Now is it so odd that I, too, squirm,
Like the measuring worm, when measured by God?

(Helen Kroner in FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, September 2
4 - 7 New Chi Rho with Clines
7:30 Choir rehearsal
Sunday, September 5
9:00 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Church at worship
"A NOW GOD" Romans 6:26-28;15:13
-Harold E. Cline
Tuesday, September 7
8:00 Church Board meeting
Wednesday, September 8
4:00 to 7:00 Junior Adventure Group - those in grades 4, 5, 6 with the Clines at 5705 Fernwood.
7:30 Evangelism Committee
Thursday, September 9
7:30 Church choir rehearsal
8:00 College and Career Group with the Clines.
Sunday, September 12
9:00 Church school Promotion Sunday and beginning of a new semester -Full announcement next week.

FALL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. . . .
We move to our regular fall time schedule on Sunday morning:
9:00 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Church worship
We invite all members and friends of First Christian to form a regular pattern during these fall months of participation on Sunday mornings. Our worship will be broadcast over WGL from 10:30 to 11:30 during this month of September for all of our homebound, sick, or others who cannot attend with us in our worship nave. Will you spread the word concerning this outreaching ministry during September. Come and bring friends and neighbors. Our choir will be singing regularly. Our new pastor will be sharing in sermons. We will be singing in praise to God. Let us join together to exalt the Lord as his people!

The sermons for the month of September with background scriptures for study include:
September 5 - "A NOW GOD"
Romans 6:26-28;15:13;Hebrews 1:1,2
September 12 0 "A LIVING LORD"
Romans 5:1-11; Romans 6:1-11
September 19 - "A DIVINE ENABLER"
II Timothy 1:7; John 14:12-17, 16:7-15
September 26 -"A COVENANT OF SURRENDER AND PRAYER" Ephesians 3:7-12; Philippians 1: 3-11
We recognize that this is a holiday weekend. Yet, let us be sure to worship God with fellow Christians wherever we are. If we have house guests, let us bring them with us to First Christian. When visiting elsewhere, will you pick up an extra Sunday bulletin, write your name across the front, and hand it to the pastor.

The Officers Serving September 5

ELDERS: Dr. James Ruble; Wm. Crouse

Alternates: Floyd Morrical; Hendricks Love.

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES: September 5, 12, 19

Miss Debra Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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RESPONSE ON AUGUST 29, 1971

Church in Worship	252
Church's School	119
Church Budget Giving	$ 1178.36

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY is extended to Ralph E. Church and family in the death of his mother last week in Wichita, Kansas.

FUNERAL SERVICE for Mrs. Leona L. Smith, a member of First Christian since 1938, was conducted by the pastor on Aug. 28, 1971. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Jacquelyn Guingrich, 7 year daughter of Omer and Opal Guingrich, was hospitalized in Parkview last week with a skull fracture from a bicycle accident. She is now home.

Mrs. Adelee Clifton had minor surgery and a short stay in St. Joseph Hospital last week.

Mr. Guy Binkley was hospitalized in Parkview last week from an auto accident with a fractured back and other injuries.

Mrs. Esther Gibson entered Parkview last week.

On Monday of this week, Mr. James Heavin was reported at Lutheran Hospital.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The Kepple group will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive Tuesday, September 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Henry Flowers.

The Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Merle Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Ter. Wednesday, September 8 at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will present the program; worship by Mrs. Russell Wortley.

The Higdon group will meet with Mrs. W.J. Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun St. on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 P.M. Group members please note the change in date for this month. Program by Mrs. Arthur Mowery.

CWF CLOTHING DRIVE ..

Boxes will be in church entrances on September 5 and 12 to receive your good used clothing donations. Be sure the garments are clean and mended.

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RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

Carole Overmyer came forward Sunday in a rededication of life to Christ. We join her in prayer and concern for a deep and meaningful tie with Christ in life.

Each Lord's Day we would accentuate the invitation during Worship as a time for the expression of personal decisions within the community of faith.

We invite those who would accept Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and who by this act express their inner faith and repentance by this verbal confession. This confession of faith would be followed by Christian baptism which expresses the verbal allegiance in this physical act of surrender of self and rebirth in Jesus Christ.

We invite those who would come in a transfer of faith from another congregation. It is important to make ties for

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worship, service and relationship within a congregation of faith where we live and can worship and serve.

We invite persons to make significant personal recommitments to Christ among our membership. You may be seeking our prayer for you, you may merely desire to come forward and kneel on the first step, or you might be making a new start in church life.

If you have questions about decisions to be expressed in worship, please call the pastor and he will be more than glad to talk these matters out with you.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Once in a lifetime does an opportunity come to honor our church with a Birthday Gift on its 100th anniversary.

Much effort and time has been given to make our Centennial Celebration a gala affair. What would be more fitting than a memorial Birthday present to our church? Such an opportunity may never come again.

Here are some new articles which would be very useful and needed:

Overhead Projector	$ 125.00
Storage Cabinets	85.00
Classroom Projection Screen	40.00
Bookshelves	75.00
Narthex Table-Cabinet	500.00
Narthex Deacon's Bench	300.00

Or gifts could be made to certain parts of our refurbishing program:

Office furnishings	$ 2,169.00
Classroom chairs	1,003.00
Chapel Carpeting	600.00
Nave Carpeting	2,500.00
Hallway carpeting	1,200.00
Office Carpeting	1,200.00

Or undesignated gifts might be made in units of $100.00 or as desired.

Make your gifts as soon as possible. All special and memorial gifts of our Centennial Celebration will be listed in our Memorial Book and the Book placed on a new memorial stand. Your gifts should be clearly marked with information on purpose or undesignated, in memory of a person by name or as a special centennial gift, and the donor.

CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Bert Leversee
Walter Birkhold

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult and Youth classes will resume meeting in individual class groups Sunday, Sept. 5. Each class will have its own session with its own teacher. Classes will meet from 9:00 until 10:15.

Next Sunday ends the second semester, so on Sept. 12, all classes will enter a new grade in Church School. New teachers, who will replace those who now have a year's leave, will be announced in next week's issue of TIDINGS.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUPS .....Any persons interested is such a group, who were not last year involved are asked to contact Miriam Bixenman in the Church office before September 7. There are now three groups who will resume meeting in September, each studying a different book, and other groups can be formed if there is interest to warrant it.

YOUTH GROUPS and YOUTH CHOIRS

All Youth groups, CYF for those in 10th 11th & 12th grades; Chi Rho for those in grades 7, 8, & 9; and Junior Adventure Time for those in 4th, 5th & 6th grades will begin meeting regularly Sunday evening, October 3rd. Watch the Tidings for announcement of special social events in September. The Sunday evening groups will meet from 5:00 to 7:00, Within this block of time including the Children's and Youth Choirs, which will begin October 24.

The Expanded session of our Church School will begin October 3.

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

The initial Sunday is by and the installation has been held - now we unite together in the ongoing work of First Christian. I would encourage every member and friend of our congregation to join in this fall as we move toward our Centennial Celebration Week on November 14-21. May we add our presence, prayer, support and efforts so that there can be aliveness and sense of victories in Christ moving among us.

I would like to add a word of "Godspeed" to each of our college youth as they move off to this educational period of life. Many will be here in greater Fort Wayne, but many will be going elsewhere. Be sure that the college address is called in or mailed to the church office as soon as possible. The church paper is to be received weekly by our students away from home. Likewise, if we have any servicemen among our members, The Church paper is a link with the church in the various locations of these men. We ask the home folks to keep the church office posted on the changing addresses of the service men.

Addresses for mailing are not just the extent of information which I desire. I am asking that we have the college name for each of our youth in school and the names of all in service. These will be published in coming weeks in TIDINGS and the desire is to have a full and complete listing. Help in this effort to identify these in college and service. Call the church office with names and addresses.

A final concern that strikes me is in our giving of what God is entrusting to our hands. Our giving for the first nine weeks of the current church year is averaging $1,336.35. The budgeted needs for this church averages $1,984.14 weekly. Giving is the responsibility of every Christian receiving income. Giving needs to be regular and in proportion to our resources. Responsible giving by each member is needed for the church to be responsible in its program, service, and outreaching ministry to the world. Let's bring our gifts in full measure to God.

See you Sunday! Harold E Cline

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DUSTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY HELD SUNDAY AT BARBEE:

Workshops focusing on lay evangelism with an emphasis upon Lay Witness Missions, prayer, and small groups; stewardship dealing with the reality of the debt problem of our Christian Church in Indiana and the coming APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH; and education with the stress upon small group encounter both during church school or at other times highlighted the afternoon.

Participants from First Christian included Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mrs. Owen Vaught Mrs. Charles Dare, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, John Williams, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline.

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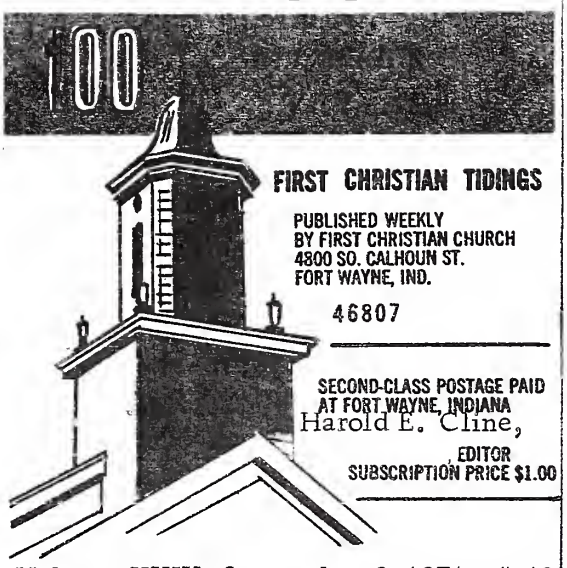

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday - September 9
7:30 - The Chancel Choir rehearsal
8:00 - College & Career Group with the Clines, 5705 Fernwood Ave.

Friday - September 10
7:00 - Boy Scouts

Saturday - September 11
1:30 - The Friendly Class with Mrs. F.E. Morrical, 5303 Sherrill Drive

Sunday - September 12
9:00 - Church School
10:30 - Morning Worship
3:00 - Annual Meeting - Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion

Monday - September 13
7:30 - Fellowship Guild with Miss Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale.

Tuesday - September 14
1:00 - Gamboe Group, with Mrs. Laura Marks, 4205 Lafayette Esplanade
6:30 - Area Meeting, Huntington
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Mrs. L. Barnes, 1547 Knox, New Haven

CHURCH SCHOOL- PROMOTION AND NEW SEMESTER

This Sunday, the 12th, marks an important day in our Church School. Persons should be renewing regular church School participation patterns following the vacation season. Children and Youth will be promoted to new grades similar to the grades of public school. "Communicating Our Faith" becomes the semesters study theme for all ages. It is Perspective II of our Christian Life Curriculum. Share in Church School at 9:00 this Sunday. Worship begins at 10:30.

Sunday also begins the fruit of the new policy of the rotating teacher system, by which every teacher automatically is off one year after teaching three years. We salute the following who have taught these past three years and who will rejoin classes as participants for this year: Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. Jack Williams and Mrs. Robt, Hendricks. Thank you for your leadership and service!

We invite all to share in one of our ongoing church school classes:

CRIB Room for Babies through age 1 -
Staffed by Linda King

NURSERY for age 2 and 3:
"The Church and Two's & Three's"
Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mrs. Larry Barnes

KINDERGARTEN for age 4 and 5 -
"Our Place in the Church"
Mrs. Wm. Schilling, Mrs. Tom, Frappier
Mrs. Ron Aker, Mrs. Don Morgan.

ELEMENTARY I for 1st and 2nd grades
"Wondering about the Church"
Mrs. Ted Bryan & Mrs. Ronald Gerow
First grade: Mrs. Herbert Banet
Second grade: Mrs. Robt. Johnson

Officers Serving September 12

ELDERS: David Griggs; Earl Plummer

Alternates: Donald Smith; J. E. Weicker

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	John F. Hechler

DEACONESSES: September 12, 19

Miss Debra Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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RESPONSE ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1971

Church in Worship	251
Church's School	138
Church Budget Giving	$ 1914.75

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PERSONAL MENTION

Wedding assisted by Pastor: Ric Knoop and Denise Cline on 9/4/71 at Christ United Methodist Church in Lafayette, Indiana.

IN HOSPITALS:

James Heavin continues in Lutheran Hospital and Kenneth Lytle entered last week.

Guy Binkley and Esther Gibson continue in Parkview Hospital.

Stephanie Knight, daughter of Connie Knight was taken to Lutheran Hospital on Monday evening with head injuries from an auto accident.

Dr. Robert Dilts, son of Mrs. Charles Dilts, is in fair condition from an auto accident 9/7/71; in Indianapolis Hosp.

Rev. Lozier and Betty Ziegler wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the lovely gift which they received at the time of their going away from us.

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to Jim and Deanna Ruble in the birth of a son, Bryce Lane on 9/2/71.

Congratulations to Herbert and Cathy Caldwell on the birth of a son, Jeffrey Allen on 8/4/71.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION:

Mrs. Maurice Cook, 323 W. Oakdale, made a transfer of membership to our congregation from the South Wayne Baptist Church this past Sunday. We welcome her in this identity with us in Christian relationship. Mary was originally from the Christian Church in Sullivan, Indiana. Her deceased husband was principal of Indian Village Elementary School after serving in several teaching positions in this community. Mrs. Cook has married sons, Wendel in Rochester N. Y., and Stanley in Cleveland, Ohio. We rejoice in this transfer of membership and common bond together in Christ.

We are aware of others pondering decisions. We would encourage the expression of decision in our Worship hour each Lord's Day. It is mutually beneficial for persons and churches for persons to make a church tie in communities of present residence. Questions concerning decisions are welcomed by the pastor. Call at the office 744-3239 or at the house 747-6587.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Hartman and Miss Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale Drive, Monday, September 13 at 7:30 P.M. Program and worship by Miss Hartman.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Laura Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl. Tuesday, September 14 at 1:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Larry Barnes, 1547 Knox St. New Haven, Tuesday, September 14, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor; Worship, Mrs. Max Finkhousen.

CWF CLOTHING DRIVE .. Bring your garments by the 12th.

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ELEMENTARY II for 3rd and 4th graders "Good News to Share" Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz

ELEMENTARY III for 5th & 6th grades, "The People of God at Work" Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Harold Nordblom

YOUTH I for 7th & 8th graders "Sharing Good News" Teacher to be announced

YOUTH II for 9th & 10th graders "Called for the World" Don Morgan, teacher.

YOUTH III for 11th & 12th graders; "For the sake of the World", George Bruckman, teacher

CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION & NEW SEMESTER

ADULT CLASSES:

College and Career group for singles beyond high school in college or working - John Thompson is teacher on questions on faith NOW.

BEREAN CLASS for a cut across age level for Bible Study taught by Jack Williams.

CLASS '58 taught by Jack Weicker.

COME DOUBLE CLASS taught by Larry Barnes

PROGRESSIVE CLASS taught by Harold Crowder

FRIENDLY CLASS taught by Mrs. Floyd Morrical.

These last four classes will use the text, "Community for Others" which is a part of the Christian Life Curriculum which has the approach of unity with adults, youth and children dealing with the same general theme.

The Adult curriculum writer, Joseph Smith, states his view of church which is at the focus of this year's study, as follows:

"The church is that community of living relationships to God and man which develops when God in Jesus Christ encounters persons who respond in trust and love. It is that living slice of real history which expresses in a special way God's intention for all men and all history. It is event, encounter, happening, relationship in which persons discover and express the truth that to be truly human is to be a person like Jesus Christ."

Dr. Smith outlines his study guide in three units for the semester. The semester concern is: How we are to understand and participate in the church as the agent of God's continuing Service to the world. The three stages in the exploration are:

(1) The church as a servant fellowship;

(2) The world in need of God's service; and,

(3) The way (or the how) in which the church fulfills its work of service."

BIBLES TO CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

The following children who will be promoted from elementary 1 to Elementary II Class in Church School will receive Bibles during worship this Sunday: Michelle Barnes, Dan Clifton, Tom Grier, Scott Keebortz, Lorinda Ruble, Jeff Richards and Tim Sauerwein.

STUDY GROUPS: The morning Prayer-study group began last Wednesday at 10:00 in the church parlor. This group will meet every two weeks on Wednesday at the church. Please come and become a part of our group if you prefer a morning group. The afternoon group will begin Monday, September 13, at 1:30 in Mrs. Bixenman's office.

FROM THE PASTOR:

I have appreciated the mood and sense of forward thrust which is evident in the church. Let us surrender and open ourselves to God so that His life and vitality are apparent in and through the church. We pray ever for the birth and expression of love - It is the supreme working of God's Spirit among us.

The Irwin family of Columbus, Indiana, has recently made a gift of $150,000 for the Appeal for Response in Faith of our Christian Church in Indiana. Our congregational leaders, elders, deacons, deaconesses and mates - are urged to share in an interpretive Area Meeting next Tuesday, the 14th, at Central Christian in Huntington at 6:30 P.M. We need these reservations by Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. It is important for our congregational leaders to make this short trip and share in this important time of becoming aware of the Appeal for Response in Faith.

I would like to express a personal comment upon an important community happening among us. The school leadership of Fort Wayne Community Schools is to be commended for the tremendous step towards equal education and brotherhood which is being taken on the junior and senior high school level. Some are concerned about busing because of hauling students some distance. It is regretable that these same persons forget so quickly that many sections of our country have bused for long distances for years in which whites or blacks have been hauled past schools for the opposite in order to preserve separation.

This community issue is going to be faced by church youth - Our high schoolers should take Note:

"We're going to have a rapp session for all young people of Fort Wayne Community Schools on Sunday, September 12, 1971, at 4:00 p.m. at the Forest Park United Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Avenue.

"We're gonna' get in the groove
And try to prove,
That we (the young people)
Can get it together to make a good move,
For the betterment of Brotherhood."

Here is a chance for a positive stand by our youth for brotherhood sponsored through the Associated Churches.

See you all Sunday!

Harold E Cline

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ANNUAL MEETING AT FLINN HOME:

Our benevolent Home at Marion, Indiana, is having its annual program and fellowship time this Sunday, the 12th at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Beauford A. Norris, of Christian Theological Seminary is the speaker. Make a drive to Marion and visit the home on this occasion to see the ongoing work of love of our giving through Unified Promotion.

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TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday - September 16
7:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. - Worship Committee meets.
Friday - September 17
7:00 P.M. - Boy Scouts
Sunday, September 19
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "A Divine Enabler"
4:00 P.M. Church-wide Carnival
5:30 P.M. Box Social
No Youth meetings this Sunday evening.
Monday, September 20
7:30 P.M. Centennial Committee meets.
Tuesday, September 21
7:30 P.M. General Meeting - CWF
Wednesday - September 22
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group

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"Junior Adventure Time" has been renamed "Junior Disciples" The group will be sponsored by: Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Sue Love, as youth sponsor. Time of meeting 5:30 to 7:00.

CENTENNIAL SOCIAL AFFAIR

Fun and fellowship is a part of our Christian experience. A church camp where deep experiences of God were found had the motto, "Where God and a good time go together." This sense of joyous relationship is being accented this coming Sunday with our centennial Carnival and Box Social.

CARNIVAL - 4:00 P.M. THIS SUNDAY .....Seven or eight booths will be set up in the educational section of our building. So that expenses can be covered tickets will be available at the door - 3 for 10¢. This is a fun time especially for our children. Perhaps, we all need to act like children occassionally and have fun!

BOX SUPPER - 5:00 P.M. this Sunday.

Each family should bring a box meal for itself, Contrary to earlier announcement, there will be no shifting of eating partners. Each will bring as a person or family what they have prepared for themselves. Drinks will be furnished.

Effort will be made to seat families or individuals with those with whom they do not normally cling to. In other words, we want families or individuals to share at a table with people who are not well known to them. This is an opport unity to learn to know someone new within our fellowship.

Come - let us break the bread of a meal as a family which is learning to know each other and have fun together as persons.

The entertainment of the evening includes George Berger and the Heidelbergers.

Officers Serving September 19

ELDERS: Alfred Schell; Ted Bryan

Alternates: Glenn Miller' Cecil Rice

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Robert Petty
Steven Bruckman	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
Arthur Mowery:	

DEACONESSES: September 19

Miss Debra Allen; Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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RESPONSE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1971

Church in Worship	311
Church's School	193
Church Budget Giving	$ 1410.06

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

James Heavin returned home from heart convalescence on Tuesday from Lutheran Hospital - to a new home at 2323 Hiawatha.

Kenneth Lytle is making excellent progress in Lutheran Hospital from surgery on September 4.

Elfrieda Kibiger was in Lutheran Hospital shortly over the weekend with minor surgery on Friday.

Stephanie Knight was released from Lutheran Hospital last weekend.

Gloria Gomori entered Lutheran Hospital on Sunday night for tests.

Mrs. A.B. Chevalier continues in Lutheran Hospital and is receiving physical therapy.

Mrs. Esther Gibson returned to her home at Angola, Indiana, last weekend from parkview.

Mr. Guy Binkley continues recuperation in Parkview from his auto accident.

Mrs. Fern Teeple had dental surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital last Friday.

THANKS:

To Jim Taylor for being worship assistan last Sunday. To William Love, John Thompson, Jack Weicker, and Hugh Rice for serving as readers.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The family Camp out for September 24, 25 & 26, is an assured fact. Some 12 families in our church will be participating. They are anxious to have others join them. If you could not come on Friday night, we would be happy to have you join us on Saturday. Families will provide their own equipment, in so far as possible (some is available for loan), pay their own camping fee, and for their own food. Plans have been made for community eating, discussion around the camp fire, and for Sunday morning worship in the out of doors. Dr. Harold Cline will lead the camp fire discussion Ben Taylor and Ralph Church will be in charge of worship, Natalie Urich and Larry Barnes will be in charge of music, and Miriam Bixenman will bring the meditation for Sunday morning. Contact Val Taylor or Miriam Bixenman if you wish to join us. We will camp at Chain of Lakes State Park. Full details from our planning meeting last Sunday will be sent to families signing up.

BE/COME COMMUNITY CLASSES ...

Classes in the theme, "Be/Come Community" dealing with the theological basis for our present study in the Christian Life Curriculum, will begin at 8:00 A.M. Sunday, October 10, and will meet every other Sunday through October and November. A similar class will meet on every other Wednesday, beginning at 1:30 on October 13. Each class will meet for four sessions in Mrs. Bixenman's office. It has been aptly stated that we must truly become a community of faith in order to be a force in the community. Come, let's look more deeply into this statement!

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Those of our members having changed Zip Codes, please notify Mrs. Vaught.

WORSHIP OVER RADIO WGL - No. 1250

Our Worship Hour from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. is being broadcast each Sunday morning this month over WGL, #1250 on your radio dial. We invite all our homebound, shut-ins, sick, or others at home to listen.

Comments or suggestions from those listening in would also be appreciated in writing to the church. Address them to the pastor. This is ministry which extends us beyond our walls and we are anxious that these who cannot be present with us take advantage of this opportunity.

COMING TO SHARE WITH US CENTENNIAL WEEK:

These brotherhood leaders will come and speak during our special Centennial Week, November 14-21.

Monday the 15th - Howard E. Dentler, Deputy General Minister and President of the Christian Church.

Tuesday, the 16th - Dr. Howard E. Short, Editor of the Christian and former professor of Disciple history,

Thursday, the 18th - Dr. Beauford A. Norris, President of Christian Theological Seminary and current president of the Board of the Christian Church in Indiana.

Friday, the 19th - Dr. Orval D. Peterson, recently retired president of the national Benevolent Association.

We look forward to meeting, hearing, and sharing with these national leaders of our Christian Church.

Likewise, we have definite word that some former pastors and wives will be with us. Lozier and Betty Ziegler will be present on Monday the 15th; Franklin and Rachael McGuire will be present on Tuesday, the 16th; and George and Alma Wascovich will be present on the 19th. There will be opportunities for visiting and sharing with these former pastors and former interim pastor.

CWF GENERAL MEETING - Sept. 21

The first general meeting of our CWF this fall will be next Tuesday evening September 21, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will begin in Fellowship Hall with a birthday party, celebrating the birthday of the World CWF and every woman in our Fellowship. Jeanne Gerow and Sara Davis are in charge of arrangements. The program will follow in the Church Parlor, with the Fellowship Guild bringing the program and worship, the program centering around a film, "The Pleasure Seekers: A Surf Odyssey."

CHRISTIAN GROWTH SERIES

Beginning on Monday evening, October 4, and continuing for 5 Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. at Forrest Park United Methodist Church, there will be a series of Christian Growth classes offered under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. Classes will be offered in the following areas: Special Ministries of the church (the inner city, young adult, campus, the elderly, the retarded, Etc.) a Depth Bible Study; How to Lead a Discussion; and Contemporary Worship. Persons may enroll in any one of these classes. Cost of registration is $5.00 for the series. See Miriam Bixenman or Margaret Love if you are interested.

LAUBACH TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP ... Sessions to be held: September 23, 6:30 to 10 P.M. September 24 7:00 to 10 P.M. September 25, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church (Youth Lounge) Cost of materials $4.50 If interested please call Mrs. Eugene Smith, 3738 Nokomis Rd. 747-6056 . (Free parking behind church)

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FROM THE PASTOR:

I have a deep concern that we in the church accentuate persons and relationships. These are very much at the center of our faith. Each person has value and worth and dignity in the eyes of Jesus. Each has his own unique place and contribution in the life of the church. Likewise, in Jesus Christ we have a Lord who relates us to God, with those directly near us, with all mankind, and with ourselves. Two coming things in the life of our church are designed and intended to encourage persons and relationships.

October 3, is WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY. Even though we focus upon the Lord's Table as the center of our worship weekly, we count it a privilege to join with the universal church on this day when we all experience our basic relationship with Christ at His Table. In order to highlight this experience, we are calling upon every member of First Christian to join Christ at His Table on this particular Sunday. We desire for every possible person to be present in our Worship for Communion. If any are homebound or sick, we will make every possible attempt to bring communion to where you are. If you need transportation to church, we will try to have someone bring you. We are concerned that each person committed to Christ experience the communion relationship with Christ and with others on WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY -- October 3rd!

Work has begun for a serious interaction among our people. Invitations will start with small groups to come to my home for acquaintance and serious discussion about the church. It is my intent to see that every member of the church living in our community be invited to my home for such a confrontation. This sounds like a large undertaking, but I consider it rather primary in terms of a ministry focused on persons and relationships. I want each person to have a chance to talk and share within a small group of others about our church. This sort of effort will not be achieved overnight. Be patient - you will be invited personally for such an experience. Initially, we will be working through our board members who will do the inviting for each particular session.

I desire very much to call you all my name. If I hesitate with your name for a time, will you kindly take the initiative and tell me your name. I respect each of you by name and desire relationship as your pastor. Help me to know you by name.

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP SUNDAY - WORSHIP IS THE FOUNDATION FOR A SEVEN STORY WEEK!

Speaking of our worship - May I add a comment. I wish to challenge all our adults, college youths, and senior high school youth - YOU are invited to join with our Chancel Choir and sing in our Sunday worship. Come to rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30 and sing regularly with the choir each Sunday. Our choir adds much to worship. Your voice is needed to lead our congregation in joyous song and praise of God!

Harold E. Cline

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TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, September 23
7:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 24
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts Camp-out
Saturday, September 25 through Sunday
Church Family Camp-out
Sunday, September 26
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "A Covenant of Surrender and Prayer"
7:00 P.M. - Stewardship & Finance meet.
No Youth meetings this Sunday.
Monday, September 27
1:30 P.M. Afternoon Prayer Group
3:30 P.M. Staff meeting
7:30 P.M. World Outreach meeting
Tuesday, September 28
7:30 P.M. Elders meeting at the Cline Home, 5705 Fernwood Ave.
Wednesday, September 29
7:30 P.M. Evangelism caller orientation
7:30 P.M. - Christian Action committee

A CHALLENGE TO COME DURING WORSHIP

We would encourage every member and friend of First Christian to be present in worship this Sunday to hear the message of the pastor. Those unable to come should make every effort to listen over WGL-1250 on your radio dial. A very personal challenge will be included in the sermon, "A COVENANT OF SURRENDER AND PRAYER". Read in preparation Ephesians 3:7-19 and Philippians 1:3-11.

We recognize that a part of our First Christian fellowship will be having separate worship on the Family Camp-out. They will hear the challenge coming in the sermon on Saturday night. We consider this camping group a regular part of our program and worship this weekend. See the full story about the Family Camp-out on page 3.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every reader is asked to consider communion participation on Sunday, October 3rd. In addition, telephoning is going to be done to encourage a full participation among our membership in communion on that day. If any are homebound or sick, we will make the provisions to bring communion to the home if you will contact the church office. Be planning your schedule so that you can be sure to share in our communion on this Sunday when Christians around the world affirm a oneness in Christ at his table.

EVERY CHRISTIAN COMMUNING ON WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY!

Our full expanded session during worship will begin also on October 3. Read details next week for this program.

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER ON OCTOBER 3.

Officers Serving September 26

ELDERS: Andrew Cook; Bert Leversee

Alternates: Ben Taylor; Kenneth Edwards.

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks	Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver	Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein	Orie McDougle
Homer Stevenson	

DEACONESSES: Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Earl Plummer

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RESPONSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1971

Church in Worship	284
Church's School	172
Church Budget Giving	$ 1127.24

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

John Gerrard is in Lutheran hospital room 340.

Myron Davis was in and out of St. Joseph's last week with a tonsilectomy.

Deanna Clifton was in and out of Lutheran last week with minor surgery.

Gloria Gomori and Kenneth Lytle expect release from Lutheran this week.

Mrs. Arthur Chevalier, daughter-in-law of the Robert Chevaliers continues in Lutheran hospital.

Guy Binkley continues in room 548-2 Parkview.

Robert Stoffer was reported entered in Parkview Hospital.

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COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY-Oct. 9

Members will meet at Brunswich Lanes at 9:00 P.M. Coffee and donuts will be served at George and Ginny Bruckmans, 3729 South Drive. YOU ALL COME!

THANKS to committee and persons who spent time and effort to make our Centennial Carnival and Box supper an enjoyable evening. A special thanks also to Don Parlette and the Heidelbergers.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Smith, 3115 So. Webster, transferred their membership back to First Christian. They had been married in this congregation and had been members here before transferring to River Oakes Christian Church Fort Worth, Texas. He is the son of Mr. Arza Smith. Marshall is employed with the International Harvester Company. Sylvia is in the home with Wade who is beginning First grade just now. We welcome this identity back with us.

CALLING FOR COLLEGE STUDENT NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

We are anxious to be sure that we have all names of our youth in college and also their addresses if gone from home. Will you kindly contact the church office 744-3239 and give this information. All ought to be receiving the TIDINGS each week. Let us know if it is not coming through to you. We will be listing all our college students shortly.

THANK YOU FOR BOY SCOUT CHAPLAIN: In response to the gift of $20.00 from First Christian this summer, the church received this word:

"John Hessler did an outstanding job as Chaplain. His guitar playing and his friendliness made a big hit with the boys and he worked well with the staff. We feel much good was accomplished.

"The attendance at the Sunday Chapel was excellent as our colored pictures attest to. We are grateful for your part in the Chaplain program.

"Thanks again for your support."

Rev. Marvin Carlson, chairman

Rev. W m D. Meddock, Treasurer.

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THURSDAY, October 7 - Eighth Annual Interfaith Luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church. "Faith: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters"

FAMILY CAMP OUT - Sept. 24, 25, 26

Those going on the Family Camp Out September 24, 25, 26 include the following families: the Ben Taylor family, the Ted Bryan family, the Ronald Aker family, the Russell Wortley family, the Ralph Church family, the Larry Barnes family, the Frederick Jenkins family, the Harold Cline family, the Marvin Crouse family, the Robert Urich family, the Robert Fosnaugh family, the John Williams family, the Roger Parkerson family, Peggy Buskirk and Mrs. Bixenman. Some others will join us for Sunday only. If there are others interested, please contact Val Taylor or Miriam Bixenman at once. Word will be left at the camping registration center at Chain of Lakes State Park where the group is located. Full details will be sent by letter to families interested.

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EVENING BAZAAR WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop for those interested in making angels for the bazaar on Thursday, September 30, from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. in the church kitchen. Please pick up a slip from the envelope on the bulletin board telling you what to bring with you. We will have other materials that are needed here.

YOUTH FUNCTIONS

Each of our three youth groups will have a special function on the weekend of October 3. Our CYF will have a planning camp-out retreat with West Creighton Christian Church CYF. The retreat will be at Pokagon State Park. You will be notified what to bring and the cost. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2. Chi Rho will have an afternoon outing at Pokagon State Park on Sunday afternoon, October 3. Watch next week's TIDINGS for

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details. The Junior Disciples will have an afternoon outing at Salamonie Dam on Sunday, October 3rd. Watch next week's TIDINGS for details.

Regular meetings for all groups will begin at the church the following week.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUPS

The afternoon Prayer-study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 27. The Morning group met last Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. and will meet again on October 6. The evening group will meet at the home of Ron and Judy Aker, 6226 Covington Rd. at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 27. The morning group is studying "Studying the Bible for Understanding", the afternoon group is studying "The Will of God"; and the evening group is studying "The Taste of New Wine". Anyone interested in joining one of these groups is urged to come to the meetings of any one.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH SERIES

The Christian Growth Series courses are for YOU! These classes will meet for 5 Monday nights, beginning October 4, from 7:30-9:30, at Forest Park United Methodist Church, and are under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee of the Associated Churches, of which Margaret Love and Miriam Bixenman are members, These courses are presented as a service to the churches and as an opportunity for each of us to grow in our Christian Faith. Courses and leaders are as follows:

Christian Life Series, Rev. Elmer Bostow, leader

Bible Study in Depth, Rev. Neil Sowards leader.

Special Ministries of the Church, Mr. Pat Fulbright, leader ; How to Lead a Discussion, Rev. Robert Hess, leader

Contemporary Worship, Rev. Dan Motto and Rev. Brian Whitmer, leaders. Fee $5.

FROM THE PASTOR:

The church is a community of persons who find common faith, worship, service, and love in Jesus Christ. This community requires communication and understanding. This coming Sunday a portion of our congregation will be involved in one of our church functions in a Family Camp Out. We will sense these worshipping along with us but only in a different setting. Likewise, on the following week our C.Y.F. will be on a Planning retreat and will be gone but like wise sharing in worship along with us in their location. We recognize that all persons within our church will not be doing the same things or all things within church life.

Yet may I frankly speak about something which happened this last weekend. We had a Centennial church-wide activity and had a church school class activity at the same time. This was unfortunate since the class activity was not known on the church calendar until just two weeks before the church activity. This is past, but let us make some changes as we move ahead. We are asking that all church-related activities be cleared and posted on the church office calendar as soon as they are scheduled. The pastor, minister of education and church secretary are having meetings every other week to coordinate calendar as staff. We need the help of all persons so that we can have a full calendar for our church, but one which does not work against itself.

Thus, it is important that our church clear all activities for the full Centennial Week program of November 14-21. Please do not expect to calendar in competition with the church-wide celebration. Likewise, church board meetings need to be clear of conflicting meetings so that our leaders may participate and lead responsibly. We desire that our church have more program than any one person can be involved in so that we might meet the needs of all our people. Yet, certain life of our church should be given a green-light so that all might have the privilege of participation together.

Again I reiterate a request for information concerning my pastoral services. If you desire to have a conference or desire a call for a special reason - please write it down and give it to me for memory sometimes fails at the door on Sunday morning. Or feel free to call the office to share information or needs. Likewise, we need names of those in hospitals or sick in homes. We need the names of persons on whom special pastoral attention is needed within a crisis or for a special reason. I ask your help so that we might minister within the total perspective of our church.

Let's find our unity as a community, but also let's admit the complexity and difficult task to grow in relationships as a community. Communication and understanding are so vital and important.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

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The Centennial committee hopes to organize a band which will have some part in the music program in the week of celebration, November 14-21. Glenn Miller has been asked to head this project; If anyone of our people would to like to play their instrument in the band, please contact Glenn Miller

TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, September 30

7:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehreasal

7:30 P.M. - CWF Bazaar Workship

Friday, October 1

7:00 P.M. - Boy Scouts

Saturday, October 2

8:30 A.M. - CYF Planning Retreat

Sunday, October 3

9:00 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. · Morning Worship

Sermon: "Focusing Our Worship in Communion"

CYF - Planning Retreat, Pokagon Park

2:00 P.M. - Junior Disciples, Salamonie State Park.

Monday, October 4

7:30 P.M. Christian Growth Series .. Forest Park United Methodist.

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 A.M. CWF Kepple Group - Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd

7:00 P.M. World Outreach Committee

8:00 P.M. Church Board Meeting.

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Wednesday, October 6

10:00 A.M. - Prayer study Group

9:00 A.M. CWF Spice Group - Mrs. H.G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield

6:30 P.M. District 1, Cabinet at Kendallville.

7:45 P.M. - Higdon Group - Mrs. Robt. Clipp, 1108 McKinnie Ave.

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WORLD- WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY ... OCTOBER 3.

You are invited to share in a Divine Appointment with the Living Lord at His Table this coming Sunday, October 3rd. Keep this date of relationship.

Every member and friend of First Christian is asked to make special effort to be together at the Lord's Table this coming Sunday morning at our 10:30 Worship Hour. For those who are unable to be present at that time, will you kindly call the church office 744-3239 or call the pastor so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to the home by our elders or provision made in some other way. We are concerned that each and every one who claims Jesus as Lord of Life will renew the relationship through participation at the Lord's Table this week.

We will also provide transportation for any who need it to our worship hour. Again, call us that we might serve you.

Our Pastor will be preaching on .. "FOCUSING OUR WORSHIP IN COMMUNION" Hebrews 10: 19-25. The children's sermonette "Relating Through Sharing", I Corinthians 10:16, 17 will also focus on this sacrament of

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Officers Serving October 3

ELDERS: William Love ; Geo. Bruckman

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Donald Morgan
Ralph Weesner	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES: October 3, 10

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Earl Plummer

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RESPONSE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1971

Church in Worship	266
Church's School	117
Church Budget Giving	$ 1113.48

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SEPTEMBER AVERAGES:

Church in Worship	278
Church's School	155
Church Budget Giving	$ 1391.38

Total Additions - 3 Transfers

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

John Gerrard is in Lutheran, # 669, after a couple of days in Cardiac Care.

Ron Hendricks of First Christian Church Columbus, Ind. is in 536 St. Joseph's

Guy Binkley continues in S-123 at Parkview.

A NOTE OF THANKS;

"Just want you to know how much I enjoyed the service by radio Sunday morning. It came in so clear and was so nice. "I even had communion with you and will be with you next Sunday. Come and call on me again." Ella Maxwell.

SYMPATHY: is extended to Leo Trim whose brother died in Elkhart last week.

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CWF - Monthly Group Meetings ...

Kepple Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

Spice Group will meet Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 9 a.m., with Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield Ave.

Higdon Group will meet Wed. Oct. 6 at 7:45 p.m. with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie

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the church. We join as a people of God with our Lord in this divine appointmen Let's be faithful in our relationship this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DURING WOR SHIP ..... This Sunday marks the return of our full children's program during our worship hour. The Crib and Toddler Room care for those up to age. continues straight through Church Schoc at 9:00 and Worship at 10:30.

Our children of age 2 through grade 4 are asked to go with families into the regular Worship Hour. Immediately following the children's sermonette these will leave for the continued program.

The Twos and Threes will go to the Nur sery for a continued program under the chairmanship of Mrs. Don Morgan and Mrs. Ben Taylor.

The Kindergarten children through grade 4 will go to the second grade room for music with Mrs. Jack Gerrard. After the music time, the Kindergarten and first grade children will move into the Kindergarten room. The second, thir and fourth grades will remain in the Second Grade room. Chairmen for leadership include Mrs. Tom Frappier, for Kindergarten and First Grade; and Mrs. Larry Barnes for second through fourth grades.

During the Children's Program in the separate room the thoughts of the sermonette by Dr. Cline will be expanded and developed. During our worship, the leaders of our Children's Program will proceed with the children into their room locations,

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IMPORTANT CHURCH BOARD:

The church board will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Several important recommendations will be voted. There will be a congregational meeting on October 10 during worship hour.

FALL EVENING HOUR FOR WHOLE FAMILY BEGINNING OCTOBER 10 . . .

5.00 to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evenings will be a full rounded program for children, youth and adults beginning on October 10th. No one need to bring youth to meetings and merely do much driving to deliver and pick up. The family can come for the entire time.

CHILD CARE: Young children will be cared for by a competent person . . We would ask 25¢ per child to help pay for this care.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR: Children of Kindergarten age and through grade three will have a program based on stories and activities related.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES: Children of Grades 4, 5, and 6, will have regular meetings beginning with Children's Choir from 5:00 to 5:30 led by Don Parlette and then for the program under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, Donna Johnson, and Susan Love.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP: Youth of Grades 7, 8, and 9, will have Youth Choir with Don Parlette from 5:30 to 6:00. The rest of the two hour block will be with the counselor, Steve Bruckman, with help from Ben & Val Taylor, Ted and Jackie Bryan, and Bob and Natalie Urich.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth of Grades 10, 11 and 12, will have their regular Fellowship Program. Walter and Delores Keebortz are continuing counselers.

INVITATION TO ADVENTURE: Adults and College youth. This group to be led by Dr. Cline will be most appreciated if there is regular participation for 10 nights .. October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 21, 28; and December 5, 12, 19/ It includes daily reading and meditation in preparation, Group study, small group sharing, and meditation time on an increasing basis. Albert Day's book, "Discipline and Discovery" will be utilized.

SERMON DIALOGUE GROUP: Adults and College Youth. This group will follow a methodology of Ruel Howe in "Partners in Preaching" for serious interaction on the morning sermons. Reaction, Interaction, and Depth Encounter will come from this experience together.

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CYF CAMP OUT PLANNING RETREAT

Those going on the CYF Camp-out Planning Retreat this Saturday and Sunday are to be at the Church at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday, camping equipment you will loan, bed roll, warm clothing, towels, soap, etc.

CHI RHO OUTING

Chi Rhoers going on the outing to Pokagon Sunday afternoon come to Church School and Worship as usual. Bring a sack lunch for Sunday noon, sport clothes to change into, any sports equipment you wish to take and any spending money you need. We will leave right from the Church.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES:

Will leave the church at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, for Salamonie State Pk. Bring a sack supper. Juniors will retur around 7:00 p.m. In event of rain meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Church.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - Saturday, October 9. Old papers may be placed in Fellowship Hall before 9:00 a.m. on the 9th.

FROM THE PASTOR:

First, may I reiterate the offer which I made last week for any person to ei ter a30-Day Prayer Covenant with me. It is simple, but the impact I am sur will be profound. Just write your name on a piece of paper with the words ... "30 day Prayer Covenant" or call me by telephone. Such notification will cal me to enter a covenant with you for this period. This is open to any member, friend, visitor .. any who heard the message Sunday or who read this.

The 30-day prayer covenant has three definite parts.

1) Give yourself to Jesus Christ right now with abandonment. Give as muc of yourself to God in Christ or as much to him as you know and can do. Surrender now. Say, "I give myself to you and open myself to you, that you might live in and through me."

2) Recommit yourself to Christ daily for the next thirty days. Declare your openness and availability to him each day. It might help to say, "I give you this day of my life. I want to surrender and let you live through me."

3) Pray for me that I may make such a personal surrender to Christ daily and I will be praying for God's grace for you to be surrendered and Christ to be alive in you. We undergird each other with intercessory prayer.

I would welcome others to begin such a covenant of prayer with me.

Secondly, may I underscore my extreme feeling for communion on WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY. This is a divine appointment which can be life giving to each of us. For any who cannot attend, we will furnish transportatior provide for a different time for workers, or bring to your home ... This necessitates your call and request. We cannot help unless you let us know. We desire all to COMMUNE WITH CHRIST.

Thirdly, as we move from the radio broadcast, I look forward to some special sharing which I expect to do through my sermons from now to our Centennial Week. They are designed as an understanding base for us as a people of God joined with a particular pastor. Our October Hymn of the month, "God of Grace and God of Glory" voices our prayer this way:

> God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
> Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.
> Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour.

Harold E. Cline

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BE/COME COMMUNITY CLASSES

The BE/COME COMMUNITY Courses will begin on Sunday, October 10 at 8:00 a.m., in the Christian Education office. Another class will begin on Wednesday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m. It is hoped that many persons will enroll in these classes, which will meet every other week for 4 sessions. They are geared to help each person find himself as a Christian and share himself as a member of the community of Christians, at work in the larger community.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, October 7

12 Noon - Interfaith Luncheon, at First Presbyterian Church.

7:00 P.M. Area Rally, Appeal in Response to Faith.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 8

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

Saturday, October 9

Chi Rho Paper drive

9:00 P.M. Come Double Class Bowling Party, Brunswich Lanes

Sunday, October 10

8:00 A.M. Be/Come Community Series.

9:00 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

Sermon: "FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN COMMUNITY"

5 to 7 P.M. Youth programs

Monday, October 11

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY

Even though our church year began in July, there has been no official installation of our officers. This will be held during our worship hour at 10:30 A.M. this Sunday along with a baptism, and a short business session of the congregation to approve the loan for the Centennial projects of refurbishing and Flinn Home. For the installation service we are asking all elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, and other elected officers to meet in Fellowship Hall for preparation at 10:20.

The sermon "FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN COMMUNITY" deals with the individual within the church fellowship. Read in preparation John 1:12, 13; John 15:1-17; I Corinthians 3:5-9.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM OPENS

SUNDAY ... 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. is the time for children, youth, and adults. We invite total family groups .. from one to 10 in number .. from age o to age 100. Starts Sunday the 10th!

ADULTS:

Sermon Dialogue Group .. listen carefully to the sermon and share with others in a depth discussion that you may become "partners in preaching" in the life of First Christian. Leaders include Ralph & Judy Church and Hugh & Gwynth Rice. In parlor.

"Invitation to Adventure" group

a depth experience of study, discipline, and encounter for persons who will try to make the 10 sessions. Led by Harold Cline in the new Adult Room next to Fellowship Hall on ground floor.

YOUTH:

C.Y.F. for 10th, 11th, & 12th graders in

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Officers Serving October 10

ELDERS: Ted Bryan; Wm. Caldwell

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	John F. Hechler

DEACONESSES: October 10

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Earl Plummer

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RESPONSE ON OCTOBER 3, 1971

Church in Worship	351
Church's School	135
Church Budget Giving	$ 1842.89

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY:

To Robert Rayl and family in the death of his father on the West Coast last Friday.

To Ruby Cline and family in the death of her father, Harry Dawson, Sr., in Crawfordsville last Friday . .Services were on Monday in Smartsburg Christian Church where he had been Elder Emeritus for nearly 20 years.

IN HOSPITALS:

Kenneth Edwards entered Lutheran Hospital on Sunday for surgery Monday morning. He is in room 764

Vaughn Brickley enter ed St. Joseph's Hospital Monday for treatment, He is in room 468.

Early this week Evelyn Fape was reported in 227 St. Joseph's and Ruth Fiant in 324-1 at Lutheran.

Guy Binkley. continues lengthy accident recuperation in S-123 at Parkview.

THANKS: To our elders, George Bruckman, William Caldwell, William Crouse Ray Fredericks, William Love, and Jim Ruble who offered to take communion and call in several homes last Sunday afternoon.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Mrs. W.H. (Anna Mae) Taylor, 2809 Drexel, made her confession of faith expressive of her decision to accept God's gift of Jesus Christ into her life She will be united with her Lord in b tism during our worship on this comi Sunday morning. She is in the home with her daughter Sherri Wrisk. Her l band is employed by Penn Central. W share in her joy in this new relationship. We believe the Christian relati ship is so basic to meaningful and ful life. Decisions expressed need to be part of our worship each Lord's Day.

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CWF - Monthly Group Meetings

Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana, Monday, October 11 at 7:30 P.M. Progran by Miss Fay Woodhull.

Gamboe Group will meet with Mrs. W H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz Ave. Tuesday, October 12, at 1:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Worship by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

Montgomery Group will meet with Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship by Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Ru sell Wortley, 2229 Drake Dr. Wednesda October 13, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wortley, Worship by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman

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Tuesday, October 12

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group - Mrs. W.H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz

8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group - Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Dr.

Wednesday - October 13

1:30 P.M. Be/Come Community Class

8:00 P.M. Nelson Group, Mrs. Russell Wortley, 2229 Drake Dr.

1:00 P.M. CWF Bazaar Booth Chrmn.

IN APPRECIATION

Our thanks to the Ted Bryan Family and the Ben Taylor family who helped sponsors Walter and Delores Keebortz with the CYF Planning Camp Out this past week end. Thanks, too, to the Bob Urich family and Mrs. George Bruckman who assisted sponsor Steve Bruckman with the Chi Rho Outing on Sunday, and to Mrs. Merle Grim and Robert Johnson, who assisted sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Susan Love with the Junior Disciple outing. We always need the help of our parents in the youth programs.

CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT

The Inter-Religious Action Council of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a project known as "Change Through Involvement". This program is a follow-up of Project Commitment and is a person to person program involving people in helping people. Both women as individuals and families are needed to help. This is a chance to really help and become involved with those less fortunate. The meetings are set up for you to learn more about the project. Both will be held at the Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, 1301 So. Anthony. One for interested women was Wednesday, October 6, at 3:30, the other for families (adults) is on Thursday October 7, at 7:30.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive this Saturday, October 9. Any donations of paper will be appreciated. Please bring your papers to Fellowship Hall before 9:00 a.m. this Saturday or call Steve Bruckman, 485-0168, Mrs. Robert Urick, 748-7709; or Miriam Bixenman at the Church Office before Friday morning if you need papers picked up.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM OPENS

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the Grade 11 & 12 classroom. Informal Discussion will highlight the evening along with planning a possible youth lounge and table games.

Chi Rho Fellowship for 7th, 8th, & 9th graders in Grade 7 & 8 classroom. Chi Rho youth will deliver cookies made on Saturday after the Paper Drive. This group should remember to bring sack lunch and be here at 9:00 also on Saturday for the paper drive.

Junior Disciples for 4th, 5th & 6th graders, will meet in Grade 3 & 4 room with fireplace. The program opens with Children's Choir for the first half hour. Words made from the letters in "Jesus" and "Junior Disciples" should be listed and brought as you come.

Children's Story Hour in the Kindergarten room for age 5 through Grade 3 children. This is a program of Bible story and activity for our children.

Child Care for those age 0 through 4 in the Crib and Toddler Room. Bring 25¢ per child to help cover cost of personnel.

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BE/COME COMMUNITY CLASSES

These classes, which will be offered Sunday mornings at 8:00, beginning this Sunday, and on Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. beginning this Wednesday, October 13, each class on an every-other-week basis, are planned to help us understand ourselves as church, the community of Christian love, in process of being God servant people in the world. Any adult or youth is invited to attend. Both classes will meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUP will meet this Monday at 1:30 in Mrs. Bixenman's office. The Monday evening group will meet at the Larry Barnes home, 1547 Knox, New Haven. Interested persons invited.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Much seems to be happening among us. It is difficult to get the full story tol so, May I highlight several things which are going on among us.

Tonight (Thursday the 7th) at 7:00 in our Worship Nave, we are hosting our Fe low Christian Church members of this group of churches in Indiana to hear the story of the Indiana Appeal for aResponse in Faith. This is important! We do invite every available person to share in this night as background for further in volvement within our congregation and its effort to be responsible.

We rejoice that during our worship this Sunday will be the first baptism of this present pastorate. We will also be having an installation service for all of our church officers. We are asking our leadership to make it 100% in worship for this occasion. Our worship centers in our continual gratitude for what God in Christ is giving us as his people. We appreciate the richness of the gift of Jesus Christ!

This Sunday night, a new venture in coordinated program for the entire family begins. The welcome mat is out for all to start from the beginning in this special opportunity for growth and relationship. We will experiment with 10 such Sunday nights before Christmas. Opportunities are afforded for all.

On October 24th during our Church School hour, I will be staring a first series of 8 sessions during Church School in a Discipleship Class. This class is designed to look at basic issues of the Christian faith and relationship in the context of a small study group. It is especially designed for prospective members, young couples seeking to understand faith in common, Christians who desire to rethink basics, or to inquirers in the Christian faith. It is a basic background class for growth and relationship with no commitments inherent concerning Christian commitment.

Finally, may I add a personal word of thanks for the lovely roses and the many cards of sympathy received in connection with the death of Ruby's father. The love expressed means much to me and my family.

Harold E. Clive

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SPECIAL CALL FOR TONIGHT - OCTOBER 7 , :.

At 7:00 ...Note this time ...7:00 P.M. we are hosting a Group Rally to hear the story of the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. The time was incorrectly listed in the bulletin on Sunday. It begins at 7:00 P.M. We need every person who can possibly hear this important message concerning the needs of our church in Indiana. Call a fellow-member and come tonight in our Worship Nave.

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TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, October 14
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 15
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Sunday, October 17
LAYMAN'S SUNDAY ...
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Community Series
9:00 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
Sermon:"IN THE INTEREST OF OTHERS" by William Love, chrm. of Worship.
5 to 7 P.M. - Total Family Program
Wednesday, October 20
1:30 P.M. Be/Come Community Series
9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. CWF Bazaar Workshop.

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LAYMAN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP:

This Sunday at 10:30 A.M. under the leadership of William Love, elder and chairman of our Worship Committee, Layman's Sunday will be observed. The theme is "IN THE INTEREST OF OTHERS", Philippians 2: 3, 4.

Assisting in this special worship will be George Bruckman, James Ruble, Nila Schilling, Kathleen Bryan, and Scott Rayl. Mr. Love will be presenting the basic message.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS THIS WEEK: The biennial General Assembly of the Christian Church convenes this Friday night in Louisville, Ky. Representing First Christian as delegates with voting status by appointment of the church board chairman are: Mrs. Charles Dilts, Mrs. Edna Vaught, and Mrs. Ruby Cline. As ordained ministers, both Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman are voting delegates also. Sally Cline will be attending also.

The Clines are leaving on Thursday to participate in the sessions of the National Evangelistic Association which meets prior to the Assembly. Mrs. Cline is on the program as a panelist on Lay Witness Missions on Friday morning.

Emergency needs for pastoral leadership can be secured by calling George Bruckman, 485-0168 or Dr. James Ruble, 747-3563, or the Cline residence 747-6587.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMING:

Sunday, November 14 through Sunday, November 21.
Worship Hours - 10:30 A.M. on Sundays & Dinner at 5:30 on the 14th.
Week nights at 7:30 P.M. with receptions at 8:30 P.M.
Submit entries to Song contest as soon as possible!

Officers Serving October 17

ELDERS: J.E.Weicker; F.E.Morrical

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Robert Petty
Steven Bruckman	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
Arthur Mowery	

DEACONESSES: Oct. 17,24,31

Mrs. Max Finkhousen: Mrs. Ronald Aker

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RESPONSE ON OCTOBER 10, 1971

Church in Worship	309
Church's School	167
Church Budget Giving	$ 1982.43

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SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM:

We rejoiced in the 16 children, 35 youth and 21 adults in our opening night of this new adventure. The welcome mat is out for all from 5:00 to 7:00 on Sunday evenings.

SPECIAL NOTES:

CYFers will be going to the movie, BILLY JACK, this Sunday, the 17th. All will meet at the Holiday Theatre entrance at 3:30 P.M. Each will pay his own admission. After the movie the group will return to the church for youth choir. Discussion of the film will be on the 24th.

CHI RHO will have regular meeting with Steve Bruckman assisted by the Ben Taylors this month of October. All the members are asked to be present at 9 a.m. on the 23rd for the paper drive.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES begin bringing articles for Christmas time craft. Each child is to bring a large-sized round fruit juice or Kara bottle, a small coffee jar, small china saucer and one small china bowl. These articles should be marked with owner's name.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mrs. Fern E. Strole, 5218 Buell Dr. and Mrs. Ethel Lahmon, 223 W.Sherwood Terrace id entified with us during our worship Sunday.

Mrs. Strole came in a transfer of membership from the Church of Christ in Angola, Indiana. She is a beautician and has two married children.

Mrs. Lahmon made her public confession of faith in Christ. She will be baptized at a later date. She moved back to Fort Wayne from Kokomo following her husband's death in 1968. She does china and oil paintings as a personal expression.

We rejoiced in these decisions and are thrilled with those who have been making such public witness. The pastor is ever anxious to talk with any having questions or who desire information about the basic Christian commitment or transfer of membership.

PERSONAL MENTION:

IN HOSPITALS:

Kenneth Edwards continues recuperation from surgery in 764-1 at Lutheran.

Vaughn Brickley continues in 459 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Robin L. Miller had surgery last week in Home Hospital, Lafayette. His home address is 2552 Robinwood Drive. Lafayette. He is the son of the Glenn R. Millers.

PAPER SALE

Due to inclement weather, our Chi Rho members were not able to gather enough paper to have their sale last week-end. A new date of Saturday, October 23 has been set. All donations of paper will be appreciated. Please bring paper to Fellowship Hall before October 23. If you need pick up for papers, call Steve Bruckman, 485-0168 or Bob Urich, 748-7709, before Oct. 21

SIGNIFICANT CONGREGATIONAL VOTES ON SUNDAY

1. The Congregation approved a previous action of the church board to borrow $30,000 from a local bank to cover the Centennial Projects, namely, $15,000 for carpeting, painting, new furniture, etc., and $15,000 as a matching gift for the completion of the second floor of the Emily Flinn Home in Marion. This latter gift will be presented on Thursday evening of our Centennial Week.

2. A working budget for the current church year was approved on the basis of the Commitment Program in May-June and the current giving pattern. The working budget is $21,425 less than the earlier proposed budget. The new budget calls for $1,533.85 weekly or an annual total of $79,750. This is trimmed to the bone and thus our regular giving is a must to grow to this level. The budgetary items for July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972 include:

Education	$ 4,500	Stewardship	250
Evangelism	200	Worship	1,700
Membership	400	Administration	46,250
Outreach & Benevolence	13,425	Loan-Nov. & Dec.	1,500
Publicity	1,025	Centennial Program	2,000
		Total	$ 79,750

3. Approval was given that First Christian Church accept the target goal of $25,645 for the Indiana Appeal For Response in Faith and that the Plan of Campaign of this program be utilized towards a goal of $60,000 to cover the loan for centennial projects, the loan interest, and the appeal goal. All money from these 3-year over-and-above pledges would be divided as follows:

57% for Centennial Projects Loan and Interest	$34,200
43% for Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith	25,800
TOTAL GOAL	$ 60,000

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CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS OF OCTOBER 5, 1971

Other significant church board items other than those included above are as follows:

The elders reported communion taken and calling for the first Sunday of each month plus the setting of an elder retreat on Saturday, February 12, 1972.

World Outreach set a goal of $800 for the Thanksgiving offering and received authorization to include Special Day Offering envelopes in the 1972 sets.

Worship Committee announced a Thanksgiving Day open church program from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 for families and 11:00 for Youth and Adults without young children. Natalie Urich was approved as director of the Children's and Youth Choirs.

The Evangelism Committee reported a new program for follow up on church worship visitors including letters, phone calls, two personal calls, and Tidings mailing. Periodic calls on all members and the new Adult Discipleship classes were mentioned.

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The Christian Action and Christian Service committee reported the need for volunteers for Homebound Meals and presented a resolution for signing concerning Pornographic literature.

Present were. G.Bruckman, J.Ruble, A.Cook, R.Ripple, T.Bryan, H.Rice, R.Frederick, B.Taylor, W.Caldwell, B.Leversee, E.Plummer, W.Birkhold, M.Grimm, , H.Love, L.Barnes, W.Keebortz, M.Finkhousen, H.Love, J.Sauerwein, D.Young, D.Morgan, R.Aker, V.Bruckman, Margaret Love, Mary Love, G. Ripple, E.Conrad, N.Wortley, J.Church, J.Aker, R.Ogles, S.Ludwig, E. Vaught, S.Bruckman, D.Allen, M.Bixenman, H.Cline.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Our Worship Hour on Sunday was full - Installation of officers, baptism, communion, business actions, and two meaningful decisions. Several sensed God's Spirit at work. Worship is at the center of our life together as a church Any persons misses out who misses worship.

I rejoice at the opportunity which I have as your pastor to participate fully in our General Assembly this year. This allows a focus on concerns of the national level of our church. Fellowship and stimulation of speakers are enriching experiences. I will try to make sure that this Assembly is reported back to our congregation.

Elsewhere in the TIDINGS is the action concerning our curtailed working budget for this church year. Our giving has been catching up some of the shortage from July onward. Let's give up to our maximal level so that we can be fully responsible as a church.

Working Budget Needs -- 15 weeks	$ 23,005.20
Actual Giving - 7/1/71 thr. 10/10/71	21,437.37
Accumulated Giving Shortage	$ 1,567.83

Thank you for the sense of something emerging among us as a people of God. I look forward to the weeks ahead of our centennial celebration and movement through Thanksgiving and Christmas joined with much church life.

Harold E Cline

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CALLING ALL SINGERS:

Chancel Choir is open for singers of senior high age, college, or adults -- every Thursday at 7:30 P.M. Don Parlette directing.

Youth Choir includes all youth, Grades 7 thr. 12, during our Sunday evening program .. every Sunday, 6:30 -7:00 P.M. Natalie Urich directing.

Children's Choir includes Grades 4, 5, & 6, during our Sunday Evening Program .. every Sunday, 5:00 - 5:30 P.M. Natalie Urich, directing.

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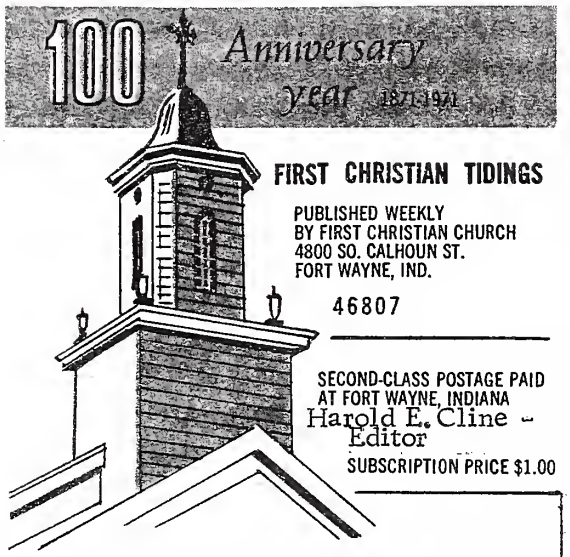

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, October 21
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 22
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Saturday, October 23
8:00 A.M. Youth Discussion group
9 to 12 - Paper Drive
Sunday, October 24
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Class
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M.-Morning Worship
Sermon: "God's Calling:Birth, Marriage, Vocation"
5 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
7:to 8:30 P.M. -5th Sunday Songfest
Monday, October 25
1:30 P.M. Prayer Study Group
7:00 P.M. Area Orientation-Group work shop.
7:30 P.M. Christian Growth Series.

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WORSHIP IS RALLYING POINT OF CHURCH

We gather as a people to experience God together so that we can go forth to live and serve in his name. We invite every member and friend to this experience of worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.

Prepare for worship by reading and meditating on Luke 15:11-35 and Romans 8: 12-17 in preparation for the sermon, "ENABLING WHOLE PERSONS" This sermon also will relate something of the pastor's feel for pastoral counseling, which has become a very important part of the work of the modern day pastor.

In our worship on Sunday will be the dedication of our regular monthly world outreach checks. We share with others not out of abundance, but out of the realization that life in Christ is a life for others.

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INVITATION to West Creighton :

Our church received an invitation last week to the Diamond Jubilee, 75th Anniversary of West Creighton Christian Church. Special events for our participation include:

Jubilee Banquet-Friday, October 22
6:30 P.M. Call 744-4950 for reservation in order to go.

Carry-in salad supper - October , Oct. 24, 5:45 in Gymnasium

Organ Recital - Sunday, October 24
7:00 P.M. Mrs. Sam LaBarbera

Contemporary Worship, Sunday, Oct.31
4:30 P.M. Folk sing for youth and adults.

We salute our sister congregation on this historical milestone!

Officers Serving October 24

ELDERS: Hendricks Love, Donald Smith

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks	Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver	Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein	Orie McDougle
Homor Stevenson	

DEACONESSES: October 24, 31

Mrs. Max Finkhousen; Mrs. Ronald Aker

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RESPONSE ON OCTOBER 17, 1971

Church in Worship	238
Church's School	147
Church Budget Giving	$ 1139.03

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CWF - Monthly Group Meetings

Kepple Group - Tuesday, November 2nd, at 9:00 A.M.

Montgomery Group - Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Robt Rayl, hostess 5109 Fernwood Ave. Program by Mrs. F.E. Morrical; Worship By Mrs. Cline.

Spice Group, Wednesday, November 3, 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Cecil Rice, hostess, 3402 River Forest. Program, Mrs. Fred Smell; Worship, Mrs. Neil Allen.

Higdon Group, Wednesday, November 3 at 7:45 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: will visit Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Tuesday, October 26. Those wishing to go, be at church by noon. Cakes and ice cream will be taken for the guests of the Home, and items such as tooth paste, kleenex, etc. will be presented.

A GROUP OF CWF women will appear on The Ann Colone Show, WANE TV, Friday, Octo. 29th, 11:30, to help publicize the bazaar of November 2.

CWF STUDY LEADERS: All women who will be leading group study on "Jonah" are asked to meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday October 28, for help and suggestions for your study.

SUNDAY EVENING FAMILY PROGRAM

Remember - All ages from o to 100 are invited on Sundays from 5:00 to 7;00 P.M. Share in an adult group, youth program, children's story hour, or child care.

CYF - Meeting will discuss movie seen last Sunday.

Chi Rho - Final preparations for the paper drive on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 to 12:00. NOTE TO ALL: Bring papers to church or call Steve Bruckman, 485-0168 or Bon Urich, 748-7709.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES - Choose a favorite Bible story or Bible character to share on Sunday evening.

CHI RHO, CYF, COLLEGE-CAREER .. COME HELP! Saturday, October 23 at 8 A.M. Discussion of Youth Service for Centennial Week. Meet in Fellowship Hall, Coffee and rolls will be served.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS: Mrs. Hendricks Love in Parkview Hospital.

Miss Ruth Trout from Christian Church in Warren continues in #324, Lutheran.

BIRTH: Congretulations and best wishes to George and Sara Davis, in the birth of a daughter, October 13.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, Walter Birkhold will share his Christian experiences and Faith with the College and Career Class. All are welcome.

BE/COME COMMUNITY CLASSES - Second session will meet at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 24, and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26. Note change in day from Wednesday for the afternoon class.

CALLING FOR LEADERSHIP for INDIANA APPEAL: A special call for all board members, Outreach and Stewardship committee members and enlisted campaign leaders to attend the Workshop on Monday, the 25th, at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ... NOVEMBER 14 - 21.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1971

10:30 A.M. .. Worship .. "The Heritage of a Century", Hebrews 11: 1; 12: 2. Dr. Cline preaching ... Focus on our Heritage

5:30 P.M. .. Centennial Dinner .. Served family style @ $1 for adults & 50¢ for children with a $3 maximum for a family. Singing - Recreation - Information - Distribution of Centennial Book - Song Contest Winner announced. A good time!

MONDAY, November 15, 1971

7:30 P.M. - Southmoor Mothersingers - Howard Dentler, Deputy General Minister and President of Christian Church, speaking. Lozier and Betty Ziegler as special guests. 8:30 Reception

TUESDAY, November 16, 1971

7:30 P.M. - Sister Disciple Churches as special guests including choirs. Howard Short, Editor of THE CHRISTIAN speaking on "Shrines and Searchlights", Matthew 5:1-16. Franklin and Rachael McGuire as special guests - Reception at 8:30

WEDNESDAY, November 17, 1971

7:30 P.M. Our youth will lead in worship in Fellowship Hall. Historical Vignettes presented as written by Miriam Bixenman and Edna Vaught - Presentation of special congregational recognitions - Barton and Vivian Johnson, Joyce Naile, and John Williams as special guests. 8:30 reception.

THURSDAY, November 18, 1971

7:30 P.M. South Ecumenical Choir singing - Neighborhood churches invited - Beauford A. Norris, president of Christian Theological Seminary, speaking. Presentation of Centennial Gift of $15,000 to Emily E. Flinn Home through administrator, Rev. Geo. Florence.

FRIDAY, November 19, 1971

7:30 P.M. - Actual Centennial Anniversary Date. Burning of mortgage from building program of 1952 - Chancel Choir singing- Dr. Orval Peterson, President Emeritus of National Benevolent Association, speaking - George and Alma Wascovich as special guests. Reception at 8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, November 21, 1971

10:30 A.M. Worship viewing future - Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs, singing. Dr. Cline preaching, "A Church with God's Dynamic for a New Century" Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16; Romans 15: 13; Ephesians 3: 14-21.

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LABELS FOR UNICEF: Several companies wish to help the Unicef fund this year. YOU are asked to help them do it. The following list of labels are needed to provide money for needy and starving children. We will provide a box at each door for you to deposit your labels and we will forward them to the proper places. Check the October issue of READER'S DIGEST to see how much your labels will provide. Save the following and get them to us by Nov. 14;

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OUR FIRST CHRISTIAN FOLK WHO ARE IN COLLEGES

We salute our folk who are seeking to grow through higher education. All of these who are out of the community should be receiving the TIDINGS weekly by mail from our office. Let us hear from you if you do not receive it or if there are errors below.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY- Muncie
Edwin R. Allen, Jr
Nancy Skelton

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI - Ohio
Kenneth Hunt

FORT WAYNE BIBLE COLLEGE
Susan Love

INDIANA UNIVERSITY - Bloomington
Barbara Love
Nathan Love
Terry Meadows
Lee Ann Penny
Rick Penny
David Williams

I.U & P.U. REGIONAL CAMPUS - Ft.W
Greg Allen
Steve Bruckman
Muriel Crouse
Susan Gumpp
Rick Hendricks
Mary Jenkins
Nancy Lambick
Elaine McVay
Jeff Olson
Anita Petty
Jolene Wilhelm
John Williams

MARION COLLEGE - Marion
Becky Buskirk

MIAMI UNIVERSITY - Oxford, O
Linda Jenkins Yokel

PURDUE UNIVERSITY - LAFAYETTE
Marlene Crouse
Eileen Williams Houin
Jane Weicker
Cindy Yentes

UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG -- GERMANY
Gary Parkerson

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LABELS FOR UNICEF - Continued from Page -2-

Our deadline is November 17: Welsh's Jam, Jelly, or Preserves labels; Clark Chewing Gum Wrappers; the front panel from Birdseye Frozen vegetables; back ingredient panel from Hunt's Snack Pack; the empty box from Pal's Vitamins plus Iron; empty Kool Aid pkgs; and the UNICEF seal from Peter Paul Candy Bar wrappers.

5TH WEEK, OCTOBER 31, 7 to 8:30 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Weicker will lead a singfest. Every welcome! Come and sing!

CHURCH CALENDAR Continued from page -1-

Tuesday, October 26 : 12 Noon, CWF trip to Flinn Home at Marion.
7:30 P.M. Property and Care Committee
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. CWF to West Creighton to hear Mrs. Allison Holt, speak on "Change Through Involvement" concerning this work in St. Louis.

WEDNESDAY, October 27 - 1:30 P.M. Be/Come Series
7:30 P.M. CWF Study leaders
7:30 P.M. Pantry & Clothing Aid Committee

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, October 28
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 29
5 to 7 P.M. Boy Scout Fish Fry
Sunday, October 31
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Class
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "God's Calling, Birth, Marriage, Vocations"
2 to 3:30 P.M. children for UNICEF
4:30 P.M. CYF to West Creighton Church
5 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
7:15 to 8:30 P.M. Congregation Sing-Out.
Monday, November 1
10:00 A.M. Bazaar Committee
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study Group
7:30 P.M. Centennial Committee meet.
Tuesday, November 2
10 to 6 - CWF Bazaar
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group

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WORSHIP GOD ON SUNDAY

Are you or any of your family going to be involved in a birth, a marriage, or a daily vocation in the next ten years. If so, the sermon Sunday is dealing with God's calling and our responsibilities in these areas of decision. Read I Cor. 1: 26-31 and I Peter 2: 18-25 in preparation for the sermon, " GOD'S CALLING - BIRTH, MARRIAGE, VOCATION". The children's sermonette will be based on Luke 2:52.

A SING OUT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN SUNDAY

This Sunday from 7:15 to 8:30 will be a SING OUT. Hymns, gospel songs contemporary religious music, choruses, a variety of Christian music. Leaders include Don and Vee Parlette, Robert & Phyllis Cocherille, Fred Smell Janet Weicker, Jerry Zimmerman and others.

We invite all to join in this rich opportunity for a sing. Let's rejoice before the Lord in song!

CENTENNIAL DEADLINES ARE COMING:

Our Centennial Booklet is being printed for distribution on the evening of November 14.

Our Centennial Planning committee has its final meeting on Monday, Nov. 1.

All entries in our Centennial Celebration Song Contest are to be submitted to the church office by this Sunday night, October 31.

Tickets for the Centennial Dinner are available from Judy Aker, Nancy Wortley or Nila Schilling through this week, after worship on Sunday, or at the bazaar next Tuesday. $1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children, or $3.00 family maximum.

Officers Serving October 31

ELDERS: Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Robert Petty
Steven Bruckman	E.M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
Arthur Mowery	

DEACONESSES: October 31

Mrs. Max Finkhousen; Mrs. Ronald Aker

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RESPONSE ON OCTOBER 24, 1971

Church in Worship	245
Church's School	135
Church Budget Giving	$ 1302.45

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PERSONAL MENTION

Harold Henry entered room 340-2 in Lutheran last Friday evening.

Ruth Clorene Trout continues in Rm. 324-1 in Lutheran Hospital

Vaughn Brickley continues receiving treatment at St. Joseph's in Room 458 and Mrs. Edna Clark entered for tests last week in room 409

David Trim is in Parkview following surgery in room 311-1 and Mary Love expects release from Parkview this week.

THANKS: To William Love and the others who led on Laymen's Sunday, October 24. The message by Mr. Love was much appreciated.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. Program by Mrs. Esther Clipp; Worship by Mrs. Ethel Allen.

The SPICE Group will meet Wednesday November 3 at 9:00 A.M. with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest. Program by Mrs. Fred Smell; Worship by Mrs. Neil Allen.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet Tuesday, November 2 at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Program by Mrs. Floyd Morrical; Worship by Mrs. Harold Cline.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUPS

The evening Prayer-Study group will meet this Friday at 7:30 at the home of Ben and Valeria Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive.

The afternoon group will meet on Monday, November 1, at 1:30 in Mrs. Bixenman's office. Please note change in weeks.

The morning group will meet at 10:00 Wednesday, November 3.

Additional participants are welcome in any group at any time.

LITERATURE WEEK

This is Christian Literature Week. A book display has been arranged in Fellowship Hall for your enjoyment. These books are here on consignment from Christian Board of Publication and are for sale. See Mrs. Bixenman any time during the week or the attendants during the coffee hour on Sundays. The display will be up through November 7. Take advantage and buy books now as Christmas gifts. A number of childrens books are on the display.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLEAN UP

All Church School teachers and adult classes are asked to arrange a time to clean up their rooms during the week of November 7, so that our building will look its best as guests come during Centennial Week (the following week).

Please report the time of your particular clean up to Mrs. Bixenman by November 7.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will meet this next Sunday evening and will join with CYF in UNICEF plans.

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FRUIT CAKES - The Kepple Group has fruit cakes for $1.15 each. Call Mrs. Bruckman, 485-0168, with your order.

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UNICEF "TRICK OR TREAT" PARTY

All our boys and girls in public school, Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to come to the church Sunday afternoon from 2:00- 3:45 p.m. to go "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF. Children are asked to come dressed in Halloween costumes. CYFers and older Chi Rho members will take the younger group out in our assigned territory. Following the collection, the small fry will return to the church for costume judging and refreshments. Remember, when these small witches and goblins come to your door, 1¢ will pay for 5 glasses of milk, 5¢ will pay for TB vaccine for 5 children, and 25¢ will pay for 125 vitamin tablets. UNICEF makes gifts to mothers and children around the world in 112 countries.UNICEF'S theory is that children should be fed and clothed, regardless of what their countries politics may be. Any country receiving funds from UNICEF must match those funds at the rate of $2.50 for each $1.00 given.

YOUTH NOTES

CYFers will remain at the church for lunch following the morning worship service this sunday. Bring money to buy your own coke. Everything else will be furnished. We are staying to get ready for the Children's UNICEF party and to take them out. Bring any clothing you may wish. Immediately following the UNICEF party, we will go to West Creighton Christian Church where our CYF has been invited as guests at the contemporary folk mass, which is a part of West Creighton's 75th anniversary celebration. We will return here in time for Youth Choir at6:30 and will remain for the Sing Out, which is a part of our own 100th anniversary.

CHI RHO ers in 9th grade are asked to be here at 2:00 to help with the children at the UNICEF party. We will meet in our own group as usual at 5:00 and remain for choir at 6:30. Plans for the evening meeting include a film.

CYF will have a hayride on Nov. 3, at the Meyer Farm. Bring 75¢ for the ride and food. Meet at the church at 7:00, ready to go. West Creighton CYF is going, too.

LABELS FOR UNICEF

Don't forget to bring the following "proof of purchase" labels in order that the companies producing the items will donate to UNICEF.

Hunt's Snack Pack (15¢ for a back panels)
Pals Vitamins (10¢ for each empty box)
Welch's Jams, Jellies, and Preserves (5¢ for each label)
Bird's Eye Vegetables (10¢ for every 2 front panels)
Peter Paul Candy (1¢ for every 2 UNICEF seals)
Kool-Ade (1¢ for every 2 empty pkgs)
Clark Gum (5¢ for every 5 empty pack wrappers)

Your labels, added to someone else's will be a real help. Boxes are at each door, on the bulletin boards. Bring labels by November 14.

CHI RHO HAYRIDE

The Chi Rhoers will have a hayrack ride on November 12 at the Meyer Farm. Watch for details in next week's Tidings.

CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are still needed in the "Mother to Mother" and "Family to Family" programs of the new "Change Through Involvement" program in Fort Wayne. See Larry Barnes for blanks to fill out. Each program involves the volunteers with an inner city family in working with them in a personal way. Orientation is provided. Volunteers are in no way financially obligated.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear High Schoolers, College Youth and Adults:

Only 9 of the 52 Sundays of 1971 remain. These weeks are very impor - tant in terms of the singing of our Chancel Choir for our church. Since we have learned at First Christian to expect a high standard of service from our choir, this is an appeal for your help.

We believe the singing responsibility is more enjoyable if shared by a larger and enthusiastic group rather than a faithful few whom we appreciate so much. Will you join in with the singing of our choir?

Rather than one, two or three on a part, there is greater freedom and thrill to be singing with a larger number to "make a joyful noise to the Lord".

Schedules are busy. Nonetheless, will you manage to give visible support both in rehearsals and singing on Sundays in these remaining weeks of 1971

The special services of Centennial Week (November 14-21) and of the Christmas Season force us to make this appeal URGENT.

Begin this Thursday evening at 7:30 in the rehearsal room on the third floor of the educational building.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

William Love, chairman
Harold E. Cline, Pastor

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ALSO A CALL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SINGERS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Rehearsals each Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 P.M.
This includes grades 4, 5, & 6.

YOUTH CHOIR - Rehearsals each Sunday from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.
This includes grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12

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CALENDAR - (Continued from Page -1-

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 A.M. Spice Group
10:00 A.M. Prayer-Study Group
7:00 P.M. CYF Hayride
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group
7:30 P.M. Information Committee

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CWF BAZAAR - November 2: 10:00 A. M. until 6:00 P.M. For sale: Baked goods, Christmas decorations and gifts, antiques, and a snack bar. Everyone is invited to come and support this project.

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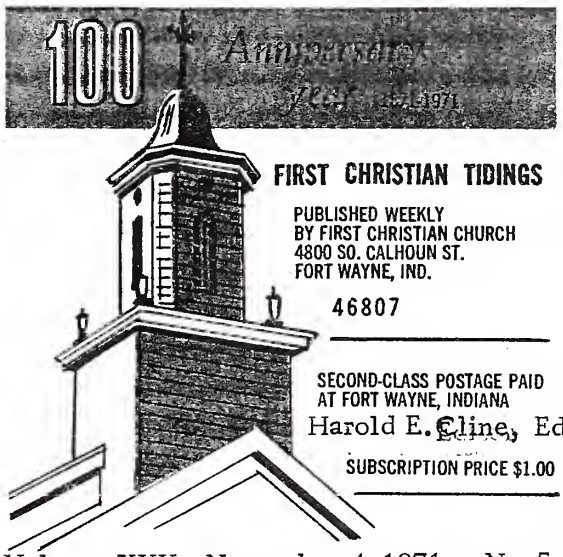

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, November 4
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 5
12 Noon- World Community Day
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Sunday, November 7
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Class
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "The Reality of Life and Death"
3 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
Monday, November 8
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
Tuesday, November 9
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group
1:30 P.M. Be/Come Class
7:00 P.M. World Outreach and Worship Committees
8:00 P.M. Church board meets.
Wednesday, November 10
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group

CENTENNIAL WEEK DRAWS NEAR:

Just a week from Sunday we begin our Centennial celebration of our Centennial anniversary as a congregation. Highlights include worship both Sundays, the 14th & 21st, evening programs and guests on Monday through Friday, and our Centennial Dinner on the 14th.

This Sunday night is a deadline for our Centennial Dinner tickets. This will be a served meal and reservations are needed for food purchasing and preparation. It is being served at minimal cost for all to have the chance of participating. Please secure a ticket this Sunday if you have not done so. If you desire to reserve tickets and will guarantee payment, call Judy Aker, 432-3379; Nila Schilling 449-1202, or Nancy Wortley, 747-0905. Please make your reservation NOW! Cost is $1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children or a family maximum of $3.00.

The Centennial Dinner program at 5:30 P.M. on November 14 will include a special orchestra led by Don Parlette and Glenn Miller; distribution of Centennial Books; Song Contest winner announcement and singing; a FUN time; and a challenge to our Centennial and Indiana Appeal.

Our Centennial Week offers a chance to draw closer to the church, to make new relationships within the church, to renew old ties and relationships, to celebrate 100 years, and to find a focus for the future. The full program was announced two weeks ago and will be included also in TIDINGS next week.

Officers Serving November 7

ELDERS: Kenneth Edwards; Glenn Miller

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles
Donald Morgan	

DEACONESSES: November 7, 14, 21
Mrs. Wm. Love; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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RESPONSE ON OCTOBER 31, 1971

Church in Worship	297
Church's School	151
Church Budget Giving	$ 1376.04

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran Hospital -Clorene Trout in 324 and Harold Henry in 636.

St. Joseph Hospital - Edna Clark in 409 and Vaughn Brickley was released on Tuesday of this week!

THANKS to Don and Vee Parlette, Jack and Janet Weicker, Bette Gerrard Natalie Urich, Fred Smell, and Bob and Phyllis Cocherille for leadership in our SING OUT last Sunday evening which was shared by 126 persons.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Val Williams who has a letter published in the November issue of ALIVE, Junior Hi publication of the Christian Churches.

THANKS to Margaret and Mary Jenkins who have worked with the Kindergarten through third grade children during October on Sunday evening.

THANKS to Ethel Allen, Carole Overmyer, Peg Buskirk, and Mary Wagner, who have taken care of the younger children during October on Sunday evenings.

DID YOU NOTICE: The October 31 issue of THE CHRISTIAN has a full article on our Centennial Celebration? Read it!

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

Mrs. Eunice M. Parker, 729-1/2 Runnion Ave., identified with First Christian Sunday, by transfer of membership from Union Chapel U.B. Church of Decatur, Indiana.

Mrs. Parker works as bookkeeper for Cover-all Rental Service. She is widowed and the mother of a daughter in Pa. We welcome Eunice in this common relationship with us in Christ.

We believe that basic confession of allegiance in Christ and church transfer of membership should be a regular part of our weekly worship. If there are questions, please contact the Pastor, 744-3239, or 747-6587.

OCTOBER AVERAGES:

Church in worship	288
Church's School	147
Church Budget Giving	$ 1,528.57

Additions:

2 by confession and baptism
2 by transfer of membership

COMMITMENT THROUGH GIVING:

Although October giving was near to our weekly need of $1,533.85, we still are carrying a deficit from the summer months.

Church Budget - 7/1/71 - 10/31/71:

Budgeted Needs	$ 27,609.30
Actual Giving	25,245.49
Giving Shortage	$ 2,363.81

Let's work hard to catch up during November! Giving reflects our commitments to Christ and his work in proportion to our financial resources.

PERSONS WANTED:

We are concerned for every able member to be in worship weekly!

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EACH MONTH World Call carries: Direct Line reports from missionaries at home and overseas.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF will have a pizza party this Sunday evening, Nov. 7. Members are asked to bring whatever they would like to put on the pizza. Ingredients for the dough and tomato paste will be supplied here. Meeting time will be 5 to 7 PM as usual.

CHI RHO will be meeting as usual this Sunday evening from 5 to 7 P.M. We will share a film and discussion. We are happy to welcome Stacia (Mrs. Tom Ogles as one of our sponsors.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse as usual from 6:30 - 7:00. Your help is needed regularly as this choir prepares to participate in the Centennial week festivities.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES:

Mrs. Daryl Cartmel will share about world mission with Junior Disciples this Sunday evening.

She is the wife of Mission professor at Fort Wayne Bible College. This couple, along with their children, were involved in teaching at Union Bible Seminary, Yeotmal, Maharashtra, India since 1947.

YOUTH COLLECTIONS FOR UNICEF

$81.53 was collected Sunday for UNICEF - a worthy cause to meet human needs in our modern world.

FURNITURE NEEDED -

Our CYF is trying to furnish their 11 and 12th grade room as a youth lounge, with the idea of using it more frequently during the week. They were happy to have the gift of a davenport recently Any other gifts of furniture you are not using will be appreciated. Call Mrs. Bixenman in the Church Office and pick up will be arranged.

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Mr. Walter Keebortz is ill at his home.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet at the Church on Tuesday, November 8, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Charles Dilts is the hostess. Program by Mrs. Dilts. Worship by Mrs. Fusselman.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St. Monday, November 8 at 7:30 P.M. Program and worship by Mrs. Charles Dare.

The GAMBOE Group will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Wm. Caldwell is the hostess. Program by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley ; Worship by Mrs. Ralph Church.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell on Wednesday, November 10, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Hendricks; Worship by Mrs. Harold Crowder.

CENTENNIAL INVITATIONS:

Special printed invitations of our Centennial Week will be available, Sunday for special mailing by our families.

These will be sold or ordered right along with our Centennial Dinner tickets. Remember the Centennial Dinner is by reservation only!

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NEW COVER DESIGN

World Call readers will be greeted with a new cover design when they receive the November issue. The former Logotype(nameplate) and general layout has been in use for nearly ten years, and a new design has been prepared by an outstanding young artist to up-date WORLD CALL'S appearance and to convey the fact that the magazine is contemporary and forward-looking in content and out look. We know you will like the strikingly simple design, and we want to call your attention to it.

FROM THE PASTOR:

The General Assembly of the Christian Church convened in Louisville, Kentucky from October 15 to 20. Designated as voting representatives from First Christian by our board chairman were Mrs. Chas. Dilts, Mrs. Edna Vaught, and Mrs. Ruby Cline. Mrs. Bixenman and myself as ord ained ministers are automatically voting delegates. Sally Cline also participated from our church.

The National Evangelistic Association met for a solid day before the Assembly. A highpoint was the interest and strong push toward Lay Witness Missions in local churches. Ben C. Johnson, Director of the Institute of Church Renewal of Atlanta, Ga. made an excellent interpretation and fielded questions. He was the originator of this particular renewal program. Ruby Cline was one of the panelists with Ben and she did an excellent job if I may say so.

The convention program was built on the theme, re-echoed many ways for the 8,000 delegates, "WHY DO YOU CALL ME 'LORD, LORD', AND NOT DO WHAT I SAY?" Each day highlighted a particular Mission Imperative of the current quadrennium, namely, world order, justice, and peace; evangelism and renewal; leadership; ecumenical involvement; reconciliation in the urban crisis; and financing the mission of the church.

For specifics, a complete business docket and a General Assembly News which gives a full coverage are posted on the south entry bulletin board. I would invite further study. Yet, I would give my impressions. Several things stood out in my mind this year.

1) A spark of new life and enthusiasm broke forth. The singing of the Agape Singers of Louisville on Tuesday night ended in a hand clapping and joyous time of celebration. Youthful enthusiasm and concern broke forth in a way that shows signs of life. Our church dare not be all sober and serious business directed to those above 50. There needs to be exhuberance and satisfaction and joy of Christian experience. Some signs were evident.

2) The business items brought serious concern and much talk. The results were about as expected. It might be well noted that our General Assembly took a move towards a stronger Witness for peace. This issue, Viet Nam, and National Health Care brought out diversity and necessitated standing votes -- some of which were quite close. I feel most significant in this area was the increasing concern to be sensitive to minorities as Black and Spanish-speaking peoples, to youth and women, and to our Canadian brethren who are a part of our Assembly. We dare not merely go on as a male-dominated, white middle-class, age 50 and above, U.S. Assembly.

3) I personally shared in depth with fellow Christians including both new and old acquaintances across the country. A whole new depth of relationship and encounter was experienced by me. This was a bit exhausting physically, but very much appreciated and cherished.

Thanks for the privilege of sharing the 1971 General Assembly!

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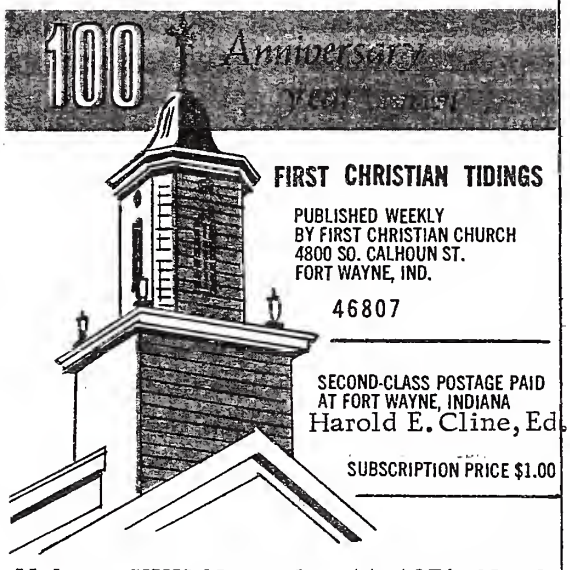

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CHURCH CALENDAR

CENTENNIAL WEEK CALENDAR ON Page -3-

Thursday, November 11
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 12
6:45 P.M. Chi Rho Hayride
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Sunday, November 14
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Class
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "The Heritage of A Century"
5:30 P.M. Centennial Family Dinner
Monday, November 15
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study group
Tuesday, November 16
1:00 P.M. C.W.F. General Meeting
Wednesday, November 17
10:00 A.M. Prayer-Study Group

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CHI RHO will have a hayride at the Meyers Farm on Friday, November 12. Meet at church at 6:45 .Bring 75¢ to pay for ride and food. Guests welcome!

CENTENNIAL TIME IS AT HAND!

Sunday begins this important week when we celebrate one-hundred years of service to Christ and the community. The new historical marker has been placed on Calhoun Street near our entrance. Plans and many guests are all set for a BIG week in the life and fellowship of our church. This full outline of the program is listed on page -3-.

Two ingredients will complete this important time in our church. The FIRST is the wholehearted participation of every member and friend of First Christain. The Church is people! Only people can make our celebration ring to the heights this coming week. Join in as much of our week as possible. The SECOND ingredient will be the committed response to our forthcoming Centennial and Indiana Appeal. This is needed to fulfill the responsibilities which were voted as a part of our Centennial program. You will hear increasingly more about this.

For the five nights of next week we will have paid child-care help in our Nursery. Of course, on Sunday we have our full children's program during worship which cares for these up through grade 4.

CELEBRATE OUR 100th BIRTHDAY:

Draw closer to Christ and Church.
Make new relationships in church.
Participate fully in Centennial Week.
Renew old ties and friendships.
Find a new focus for the future.
Let Christ take command of life.

Officers Serving November 14

ELDERS: Albert Powell; Wm. Caldwell

DEACONS:

Thomas Frapper	Dennis Andrew
Marvin Crouse	Leon Johns
William Gilley	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	John F. Hechler

DEACONESSES: November 14, 21

Mrs. J.E. Weicker, Mrs. Geo. Bruckman

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RESPONSE ON NOVEMBER 7, 1971

Church in Worship	333
Church's School	157
Church Budget Giving	$1743.94

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Edna Clark - St. Joseph's 409

Roger Parkerson in411, Parkview with Virus Pneumonia.

Walter Keebortz in 237, Parkview, for diagnosis concerning heart.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Ruth Clorene Trout on 11/10/71. She was a member of Christian Church in Warren, Indiana.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Al. Powell and family in the recent death of his mother.

WORD WAS RECEIVED that Rufus Quinn, 320 N. Washington, Lebanon, Mo. 65536, suffered a slight stroke on 10/31 affecting his right arm and his speech somewhat.

DID YOU NOTICE:

The November issue of the INDIANA CHRISTIAN carried major stories about First Christian on both page 1 and page 3.

WE REJOICE:

Monthly commitments to our World Outreach program are current for the present church year. We rejoice that our giving has made this possible!

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. White and son, Curt, 2106 Cheri Court, Colony Bay Apartments, united with our congregation by transfer of membership from First Christian Church, Greenville, Tennessee. Bob was transferred this spring to the local office of Magnavox in Purchasing. Betty has been an elementary teacher but is doing only substituting this year. Curt is in the fifth grade in Anthony Wayne elementary school. We welcome this family in this tie with us in Jesus Christ as our common Lord.

They are currently participating in the Discipleship Class with the pastor along with 9 others. This class will continue through December 12. A new class will begin on January 2.

CHANGES SUNDAY MORNING:

Because of the set-up for the Centennial Celebration Dinner on Sunday evening, the 58 class, the Berean class, and the Come-Double Class will meet in the Worship Nave balcony.

The Coffee Hour this Sunday will be held in the church parlor - just north from the Worship Nave.

ALL WOMEN INVITED - C.W.F. MEETING 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, when Kepple Group will lead program and worship on "Africa, Then and Now"

NOTE: Women are needed for kitchen work on Saturday and Sunday this week!

EGGS FOR FOOD BANK:

Bring a dozen eggs and put in either refrigerator or bring 40¢ in an empty egg carton for First Christian's share in the Thanksgiving Food Bank at the Martin Luther King CEnter. The deadline is November 23.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION .. NOVEMBER 14-21.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1971

10:30 A.M. -- Worship .. "The Heritage of a Century" Hebrews 11:1; 12:2. Dr. Cline ... Focus on our Heritage

5:30 P.M. .. Centennial Dinner .. Served family style @ $1 for adults & 50¢ for children with a $3 maximum for a family. Singing - Recreation - Information - Distribution of Centennial Book - Song Contest Winner announced. A good time!

MONDAY, November 15, 1971

7:30 P.M. - Southmoor Singers - Howard Dentler, Deputy General minister and President of Christian Church, speaking. Lozier and Betty Ziegler as special guests. 8:30 P.M. Reception

TUESDAY, November 16, 1971

7:30 P.M. - Sister Disciple Churches as special guests including choirs. Howard Short, Editor of THE CHRISTIAN speaking on "Shrines and Searchlights", Matthew 5: 1-16. Franklin and Rachael McGuire as special guests - Reception at 8:30 P.M.

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SUNDAY, November 21, 1971

10:30 A.M. Worship viewing future - Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs singing. Dr. Cline preaching, "A Church with God's Dynamic for a New Century" Ephesians 4:106, 11-16; Romans 15: 13; Ephesians 3: 14-21.

CENTENNIAL DINNER

5:30 P.M. -- Sunday, November 14

This is a served meal at minimal cost -- Thus admittance is by ticket or reservation ONLY.

Secure your tickets today after worship in the Narthex or in Fellowship Hall.

If broke today, make a firm reservation by talking with or calling Judy Aker, 432-3379; Nila Schilling 449-1202; or Nancy Wortley, 747-0905.

Tickets are $1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children or a family maximum of $3.00.

John Thompson is M.C. - Special Orchestra led by Don Parlette and Glenn Miller -- Distribution of Centennial Books -- Song Contest Winner announced -- Singing -- fun and fellowship - Centennial and Indiana Appeal Challenge.

REMEMBER - TODAY IS THE DEADLINE ON CENTENNIAL DINNER TICKET PURCHASE OR RESERVATION - ACT TODAY SO THAT YOU CAN ENJOY THIS CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHT NEXT SUNDAY EVENING - Buy or call TODAY!

CENTENNIAL INVITATIONS

Extra copies of our Printed Centennial Invitation Folder may be purchased or ordered today. These might be used to mail to family or friends or saved as souvenirs. The cost is 10¢ for the invitation and accompanying envelopes. THESE WERE MAILED THIS PAST FRIDAY TO ALL MEMBERS - SISTER CHURCHES - FORT WAYNE CHURCHES. See the girls selling Centennial Dinner tickets to purchase or order these invitations!

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FROM THE PASTOR:

COMMITMENT needs to be faced by the church today. Unless there is the basic commitment to Christ, little in the church is going to affect life and give true joy and meaning. One area where commitment seems shallow is in regard to our financial resources. We live in a society of abundance and money to do most everything except be fully responsible as Christians. This must change!

In the coming weeks we are mounting a campaign combining our Centennial Appeal and our current Indiana Appeal for $60,000 in over-and-above giving beyond our budget in the coming three years. The response to our Indiana Appeal across the state has been very positive with target goals of $1,450,000 now accepted towards the total of $1,600,000.

We are currently enjoying the carpet, painting and equipment of our $15,000 refurbishing of our Centennial projects. We will present the matching $15,000 for the second floor completion to Emily Flinn Home next Thursday night. We borrowed $30,000 to do these two things.

57% for Centennial Projects loan and interest -	$34,200
43% for Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith -	$25,800
OUR COMBINED CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL	$60,000

Where does commitment fit this picture? Each family needs to look at financial resources whether accumulated or current income. We need to measure our present weekly or regular giving plus our intentions for this coming campaign against this following measuring stick:

$1 per week per $1,000 of annual income - BEGINNING COMMITMENT
$2 per week per $1,000 of annual income - AVERAGE COMMITMENT
$3 per week per $1,000 of annual income - SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT.

You will note that we are suggesting the usual Christian tithe as average commitment. Many in our affluent society need to move to the level of Sacrificial Commitment. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also".

Let's step up to serious Christian commitment in giving. If you need weekly envelopes for regular giving, contact the church office. Be planning for our special effort towards our Centennial and Indiana Appeal campaign which is coming.

SEE YOU DURING OUR CENTENNIAL WEEK!

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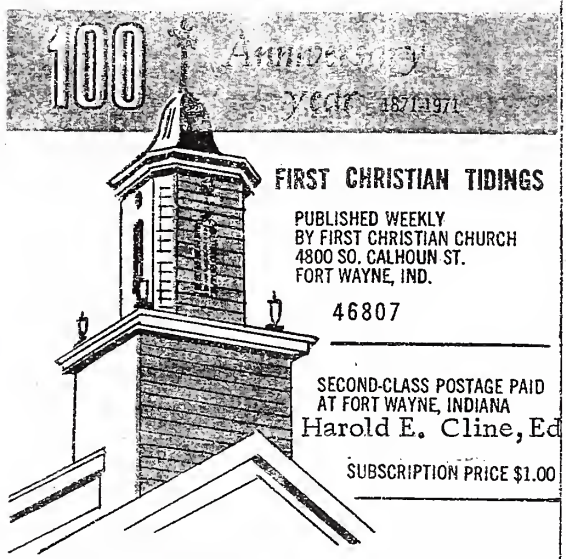

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, November 18
7:30 P.M. Dr. Beauford A. Norris, Guest
Friday, November 19 - 100 Years
7:30 P.M. Dr. Orval D. Peterson, Guest
Sunday, November 21
8:00 A.M. Be/Come Class
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5 to 7 P.M. Whole Family Program
7:30 P.M. Advance Gifts Dessert
Monday, November 22
7:30 P.M. Advance Gifts Dessert
Tuesday, November 23
1:30 P.M. Be/Come Class
7:30 P.M. Pantry Committee
7:30 P.M. Advance Gifts Dessert
Wednesday, November 24
7:45 P.M. Union Thanksgiving Service at Grace United Church of Christ
Thursday, November 25- Thanksgiving
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. the Church Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation .

CENTENNIAL WEEK IN PROGRESS:

Sunday was a rousing beginning to our Centennial Week with 378 in Worship and 335 served at our Centennial Dinner. A joyous and thrusting spirit was sensed.

Tonight, Thuesday, we are presenting our $15,000 for the second floor completion project of our Emily Flinn Home in Marion. The Ecumenical Choir is singing and Dr. Norris speaking. Paul Kepple our long time missionary link will bring greetings.

Friday night at 7:30 will mark our actual date of celebration with the burning of the mortgage from the 1952 building program. Our choir will sing, Dr. Orval Peterson will speak, and Bob Cocherille will sing. George and Alma Wascovich are sharing the evening with us.

Sunday morning worship will include a special consecration service for Ed Allen, Jr. Dr. Cline will preach on - "A CHURCH WITH GOD'S DYNAMIC FOR A NEW CENTURY". Read Eph. 4: 1-6; 11-16; 3:14-21; Romans 15:13.

Centennial Books can be picked up in the Narthex nightly or Sunday morning. Sign so we will know your family has received a copy. Write in to include our full list of Timothies: Frank Walker, Richard Sawtelle, Perry Updike, John Clark, Firmin McCormick, Harry B. McCormick, Ruth Schoonover, Stewart Rodgers, Mrs. Stewart(Lonavene) Rodgers, Kenneth Timmons, Clausen McKim, Mrs. Clausen (Lorena) McKim, Traverse Chandler, Herbert Wilson, Joseph Fitch, Thomas Hirschy, James R. Shockney, Carolyn (Phillips) Arnold.

Officers Serving November 21

ELDERS: Gene Klepfer; Harold Crowder.

DEACONS :

Charles Ludwig	Robert Petty
Steven Bruckman	E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
Arthur Mowery	

DEACONESSES: November 21

Mrs. J. E. Weicker; Mrs. Geo. Bruckman

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RESPONSE ON NOVEMBER 14, 1971

Church in Worship	381
Church's School	159
Church Budget Giving	$ 1578.64

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PERSONAL MENTION

THANKS: to our Centennial Dinner committee headed by Nancy Wortley, Arlene Lazarro, Nila Schilling, and Judy Aker, plus all their workers for the plenteous and prompt meal.

THANKS to Jim Ruble, Bob Urich, Stacia Ogles, and all others who produced our Centennial Book.

THANKS to our M. C. John Thompson and our Orchestra and other musicians.

IN HOSPITALS:

Richard Drewett in 545 Parkview.

Mrs. Della Scott, Mother of Mrs. Ralph Richard is in Lutheran 869 with a broken hip.

In St. Joseph - are Mrs. Edna Clark in 409 and Mrs. Freda Flaugh in 439.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Tom and Marilyn DeWeese on the birth of a daughter, Meredith Jeanne, on 11/10/71.

SYMPATHY: Is extended to Mrs. Walter Bowen and family in the death of her father, Charles G. Wynkoop on 11'15'71 in Columbia City.

EGGS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER --Remember this is the last Sunday to bring your gift of eggs or empty egg cartons with 40¢ for each dozen. Put the eggs in refrigerator, egg cartons and money in box in entrance off parking lot.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Our total Church School offering plus all received in the special Thanksgiving envelopes will be used for outreach thru Unified Promotion of the Christian Church.

BE THANKFUL:

--for the people among whom you work and minister.

--for the congregation and church of which you are a part.

--for the opportunity to give and serve through the church,

--for the Person of Jesus Christ our Lord who set before us our work and then challenged us to give our best.

SHARE IN OUR THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 21.

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EVENING STUDY GROUP:

Meeting is changed from Tuesday to Monday, Nov. 22, 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell.

TOTAL FAMILY SUNDAY EVENING

All are invited -- 5:00 to 7:00

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH BOARD ON NOVEMBER 9, 1971

A thorough report of the Auditing Committee composed of Merle R. Grimm and Donald C. Smith was referred to the Stewardship & Finance committee for study and implementation.

A motion approved the appropriate plaque, listing the Timothies of First Christian Church, and mounting of it in the Hall of Memories. Mrs. Charles Dilts is giving this item to the church.

The Property department announced the ordering of the lighted bulletin board for mounting on the present standard ar the NW corner of the lot. Although this is a part of the Centennial work, it will not be received and mounted until near the end of the year. A motion recommending new steel doors on the south was tabled for further study.

Approval was given to actions of the trustees, namely, the purchase of the piano from the Sullivan Estate and the Memorial Book stand from the Betz estate. Memorial and Special Gift policies were referred jointly to the Stewardship committee and the trustees.

The resignation of Ralph Weesner as deacon, was accepted with regret.

The Campus Ministry program at Fort Wayne IU-PU Campus was approved for $125 this month from local community funds. This program supports Dan Motto in student work locally through this effort of the Associated Churches. Individuals are encouraged to make any additional gifts for this cause.

From the Information Services Committee, a Communication Area motion was tabled for further study of equipment and costs. A motion for special calling efforts on our membership to deliver Centennial Books, Advent Invitations, and "I Wish" folders was approved including the encouragement of more membership contacts of help and encouragement. A motion for advertisement thru the new phone directory was also approved.

"ALOOK TO THE FUTURE" which will be printed in the Centennial Book was endorsed by the board thus setting specific goals for 1972 and 1973, namely, widespread church involvement in setting 5 year goals and the revision of constitution and by-laws.

Present were: Elders - G. Bruckman, T. Bryan, Wm. Caldwell, A Cook, H. Love, R. Fredericks, D. Griggs, W. Love, G. Miller, E. Plummer, J. Ruble, D. Smith, J. Weicker; Deacons - R. Cole, M. Grimm, M. Finkhousen, R. Hendricks, L. Johns, C. Ludwig, M. Rice, D. Young; Deaconesses: V. Bruckman, L. Finkhousen Margaret Love, Mary Love, R. Ogles, R. Plummer, J. Weicker; Trustees: Wm Crouse, B. Leversee, H. Rice; W. Birkhold, M. Bixenman, H. Cline, E. Vaught.

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SPECIALS:

Our worship Nave will be open for meditation and prayer by individuals or families from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P. M. on Thursday, November 25. Worship on Thanksgiving!

A Union Thanksgiving Service in our srea will be held at 7:45 P.M. Wednesday, November 24, at Grace United Church of Christ, 4120 S. Webster. John Gantt, Supt., of Fort Wayne Children's Home is speaker.

SPECIAL CONSECRATION SERVICE FOR ED. ALLEN, JR., ON SUNDAY

This fall, Ed. Allen, Jr., signed an intent for continued preparation looking forward to a church vocation. In recognition of this fact, a special part of our worship on Sunday will be an act of consecration toward this personal goal. Ed is a senior at Ball State University and is now seeking to make a decision concerning Seminary next fall. Read this statement below.

"Why I Intend to Enter A Church Vocation" by Ed Allen, Jr.

"I have been considering the ministry for as long as I can remember. I have watched our church and have formed many opinions about the church in our society today, and the people who make up the church. I have a concern for the people in and out of the Church. I want to do something through God and the church for all people; I want to help society help itself.

"The church, I feel, has lost its effectiveness in our society today; it has become uninvolved and seems to be something of a social club and interested more in itself than the world outside. I want to work to change this, I want to get the church involved in what's going on, I want to get the church to express an interest in our society today. I feel the best way for me to do this is to get into the ministry, to give my whole life for the church and its growth.

"I Want to work with people to help them individually and as a group. I want to be able to help those that can and cannot afford to pay for help, but help all of them out of my wanting to do it. Look at the student who is having trouble or is in trouble and gets kicked out of school and wants help but can't afford to pay for it. Since he is out of school he is no longer able to use the professional services offered - where does he go? People have told me I should go into work in the schools. If I did, I couldn't help the person I just mentioned. He would be on the outside looking in. The church will welcome him. He wouldn't be kicked out of the church and it should be at his service more than the school.

"I feel that through the ministry I can work to bring people closer to God. I will be in a position of service, a position that people will feel free to use at any time for any problem, and I hope that I can help them or find help for them. I want to work to make the church stronger in our society. I want to see the church leap forward. I want to see all churches working together and not against each other. There is great potential in churches; it has to be put to good use. I want to see churches out working with society and all parts of it and to show people they have a place to turn to for help at any time.

"I want and plan to develop my ministry around these ideas and some others - helping people by serving God. I feel the function of the church is to help people, when they need it and where they need it - individually or as a group - and I intend to do it through the ministry. I feel that through the church I can work with people and get people to work together to help when needed. Through this working with people, I hope to bring them closer to God and Christ. I trust that as they are helped they will want to help others."

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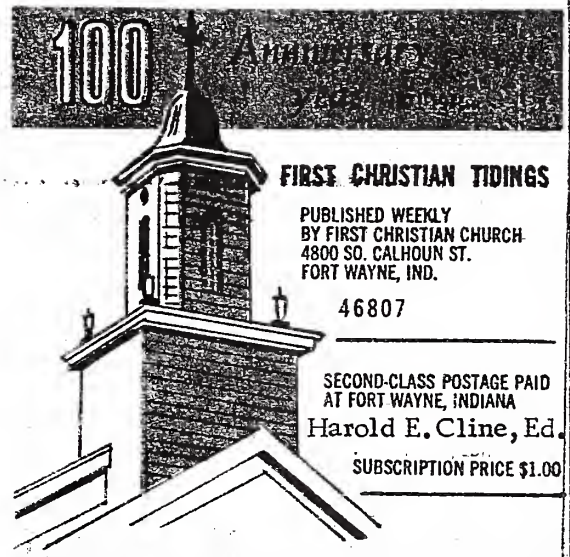

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, November 26
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Saturday, November 27
10:00 A.M. Church Decorating
Sunday, November 28
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert
Monday, November 29
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study Group
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Com.
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert
Tuesday, November 30
7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet
Wednesday, December 1
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Mrs. E. Whitton

The Higdon Group has vanilla and other extracts for sale. Call Mrs. Clipp.

Thursday, December 2
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert

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SUNDAY'S SERMON:
"FACING OUR PROBLEMS"

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY:

We will begin lighting our Advent wreath in worship this Sunday and start some Christmas music. Our Advent invitation folder has suggested helps for families to have a wreath in the home and use it as a family worship center. Let's share the glorious Christmas season and joy as a family of God!

CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL ON WAY!

Our effort to raise $34,200 for our Centennial projects and $26,800 for the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith is underway this week with Advance gifts. A report will be made and full movement into the whole congregation will be begun in our worship this Sunday. We anticipate commitment growth and a glorious victory as a people together.

Our Centennial Projects includes:

New Carpeting	$ 5,702.00
Chairs and Tables	1,111.00
Office Furniture	2,228.00
Air Conditioners	520.00
Painting	4,530.00
Signs	975.00
Interest on Loan	4,134.00
Emily E. Flinn Home	15,000.00
	$ 34,200.00

We have accepted the Target Goal of $25,645 of the total $1,600,000 being raised by Disciples in Indiana. $400,000 of this is for new Capital Outreach programs. $1,200,000 is for programs of the 1960's not underwritten and caused by deceased outreach support.

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Officers Serving November 28

ELDERS: Bert Leversee, Gene Klepfer

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks	Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver	Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein	Orie McDougle
Homer Stevenson	

DEACONESSES: Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12

Mrs. Wm. Love; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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RESPONSE ON NOVEMBER 21, 1971

Church in Worship	362
Church's School	158
Church Budget Giving	$ 1563.94

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Della Scott, the mother of Mrs. Ralph Richard, continues in Lutheran, No. 869

Mrs. Blanche Hetrick had eye surgery at Parkview on Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Drewett is in 545 at Parkview following surgery last Friday.

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL GIFT:

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Moore gave the church a new overhead projector for use in education and meetings.

THANKS FOR EGGS:

We thank all who brought eggs or money for eggs for the Martin Luther King Center these past two weeks!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Special envelopes for the Thanksgiving outreach offering will still be available this coming Sunday. We have received $560.94 so far for this worthy cause.

THANKS to: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Quinn for the beautiful floral piece given for our Centennial Celebration. Their good wishes and thoughts were with all of us during this historic occasion. Also, word comes that Mr. Quinn is much better and will soon be back at his work for a short period of each day. Congratulations to him on this early recovery.

CENTENNIAL WEEK WRAP-UP:

The participation of our Centennial week celebration was delightful. We had 381 and 362 in the Sunday worships; 335 for the Dinner and averaged 188 for the five week nights.

The music of our week was thrilling and we give special thanks to Sara Davis Natalie Urich, Don & Vee Parlette, John Thompson, Robert Cocherille, Becky Buskirk, Lillian Scott, our choir and our visiting choirs.

Our guest speakers highlighted the week with substance. Dr. Howard Dentler built on the biblical basis of the reality of sinful man, the potential of man created by God, and the enabling power. He offered the Disciples imperatives and pointed to the sufficient power.

Dr. Howard Short commended the church from historical records for evangelism, expansion by starting other churches, replenishing the ministry, and cooperative work.

Dr. Norris underscored faith, hope and love as lasting things which the church must share.

Dr. Orval Peterson listed many signs of the times especially biblical theology, the Holy Spirit, and lay movements.

The relationships with former pastors missionaries, staff persons, members, and friends added a high note. Much thanks goes to our committee headed by Judy Aker, Nila Schilling, Nancy Wortley and Arlene Lazarro for the receptions. Also we thank the homes which hosted our guests for meals and lodgings.

Congratulations to Sue Love for the winning Centennial Song.

Much thanks goes to George Bruckman our chairman, Margaret Love, our committee secretary, Edna Vaught and Miriam Bixenman for leadership as well as the total committee as listed on the bulletins recently.

YOUTH NOTES

All of our youth will meet as usual this Sunday, November 28, from 5 to 7 P.M. CYF discussion will center on the question, "How Do I Feel About My Church?"

Youth Choir will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:00; Children's Choir from 5 to 5:30 each as a regular part of the youth program.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday evening, November 29, at 7:30 in Mrs. Bixenman's office. All members are urged to be present.

ADVENT WREATHS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP:

Again this year, our boys and girls in Nursery through sixth grade will be bringing home small Advent wreaths to be used in worship with their families each Sunday evening during Advent, beginning this Sunday and continuing thru December 19. Suggestions for family worship during this season are also being sent home with the boys and girls. We urge each of our families to participate in this emphasis on worship in the home during this season of preparation for celebrating anew the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Our goal for $60,000 is being pledged on the basis of three years commitments beginning payment on Jan. 1, 1972. Those who desire to give now may mark such gifts - "Appeal" to save interest locally and state-wide.

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HELP IS NEEDED for decorating the church for the Advent Season. All who can help are welcome - Come on Saturday, November 27, at 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Again this year, our World Outreach Committee is suggesting that persons send one Christmas card to the church for all their Church friends, including in the card a gift of money which has been saved in postage and card money by thus sending only one card instead of one to each of your friends. This money will then be given as a Christmas gift equally to the Cleveland Children's Home and to the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion. Names of senders will be published in Tidings during December so that all your friends may know that in truth they have received Christmas greetings from you.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Again this year, through the Church School our children will be bringing sox and mittens to be placed on the Sock and Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall and then, just before Christmas, sent to the Children's Home in Cleveland. It is suggested that children bring sox and mittens in their own size. In this way, a variety of sizes will be provided, as there are children of all ages, both boys and girls, at the home. Others are invited to join the children in this project. Gifts should be brought no later than December 19.

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THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY:

The Progressive Class will have their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4, at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. As this dinner will be catered, reservations are needed. There will be a $1.00 gift exchange - women buying for a woman, men buying for a man.

FROM THE PASTOR:

I wish to extend a personal word of gratitude for the Centennial Celebration. The various elements blended together last week for a very enriching and enthusiastic week within the life of the church. Many individuals served faithfully and cheerfully in responsibilities which aided us all. Thanks to those who participated and led us. Praise God for his presence and spirit as we launch out into a new century!

The final part of our Centennial effort is now upon us. We are engaging in a special effort to underwrite both our Centennial projects and the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith in a special $60,000 over-and-above giving effort spread over the coming three years. Pray and anticipate much for this coming Sunday as we launch out into all areas of our membership and friends for this support.

Every member who claims the church and has any income needs to be considered a giver. Our basic giving is to our budget and every member should be included in its regular support. This includes both those within our community and also our non-resident members as long as the tie is held here. We are looking for gifts and commitments from every member.

Giving should be in proportion to resources. For those in the earning years of life the following is a helpful rule of thumb.

$1 per week per $1,000 of annual income - BEGINNING COMMITMENT
$2 per week per $1,000 annual income - AVERAGE COMMITMENT
$3 per week per $1,000 annual income -SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT

Those with accumulated resources need to give generously so that our full needs are met. We give "as we have prospered".

Regular giving similar to regular income is needed. Our commitments extend over 3 years or 36 months or 156 weeks. We are anxious that persons consider on the regular basis rather than on a one time token basis if income is regular. Some reaching into savings or assets might likely make a one time gift and this is understandable. Regular giving needs to be practiced by those with regular income.

With joy and anticipation of great things we move from completing our Centennial Celebration into the Christmas season celebrating the giving of God in Jesus Christ his Son. See you Sunday!

Harold E. Clive

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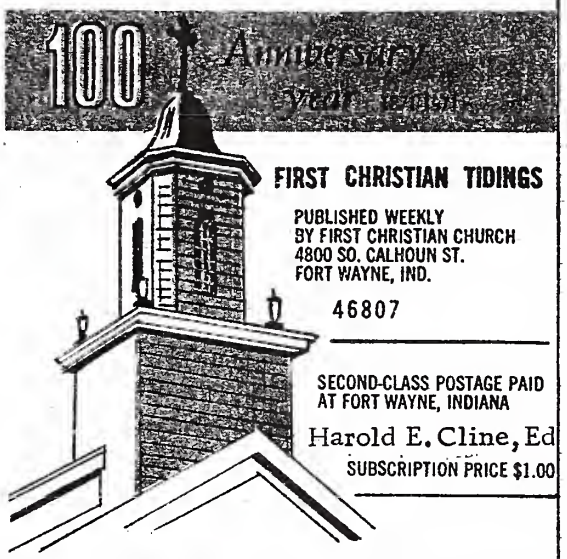

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, December 2
9:30 A.M. New CWF Group
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert
Friday, December 3
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Saturday, December 4
6:30 P.M. Progressive Class Party
Sunday, December 5
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "A Personalized Word"
5 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert
Monday, December 6
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study group
7:30 P.M. Commitment Dessert
Tuesday, December 7
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group-Mrs. Ed. Allen
8:00 P.M. Church Board meeting
Wednesday, December 8
10:00 A.M. Spice Group-Mrs. Fred Smell
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group-Mrs. Chas. Hunt
Thursday, December 9
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ADVENT SEASON IN FULL SWING: ..

The joining of our total church in corporate worship this Sunday will be focused completely on the Advent theme. A harmonious part of the service will be the semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents. We offer the availability of this service to any families with babies or young children. Please call the pastor or church office by Saturday morning so that we may plan for your participation in this event.

Our Christmas decorations brought forth many favorable comments Sunday. The children will share in the lighting of the second Advent Candle - "A Candle of Preparation". The sermon is "A Personalized Word" taken from John 1: 1-18.

Our Chrismons will be placed on our tree in the Worship Nave this Sunday Evening by our C.Y.F.

Our Christmas Card tree is in the Narthex. Cards may be sent or brought to the church for all church friends. This card will be placed on the treeand an offering comparable to the postage and card cost which would have been used for separate cards will be used as a gift for our Cleveland Home for Children and Emily E. Flinn Home for Aged. Senders will be listed in TIDINGS.

Our Sock and Mitten Tree is in Fellowship Hall. Sox and mittens of various children's sizes are to be hung on this tree. They are sent to our Cleveland Christian Home.

Join in this festive season of children, joy and giving!

Officers Serving December 5

ELDERS: Rolland Ripple, Andrew Cook

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES: December 5, 12

Mrs. Wm. Love; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Mr. Leo Trim is in 350, Parkview which is in the Cardiac Care Unit. He entered on the 25th and expects to be hospitalized several weeks.

Mrs. Della Scott continues in 809 at Lutheran.

SYMPATHY:

To Mrs. Esther Whitton in the death of her mother last Saturday at Rochester Indiana.

THANKS:

To Mrs. Sue Allen for her time and talent with our centerpiece just in front of the communion table with its Thanksgiving and now Christmas emphasis.

THANKS:

To all who worked to decorate our church this past Saturday morning: ... Lois and Max Finkhousen, Merle Grimm Marguerite Lehman, Larry Barnes, Ben Taylor, Ron Aker, Natalie Urich, Susie Parkerson, Carole Overmyer, Walter Birkhold, Earl Plummer, Sue Allen,

Expert guidance was afforded by George Bruckman and Sue Allen. Bill Love and George Bruckman were still hard at it on Saturday afternoon.

THANKS:

To Andy Cook and Margaret Love our Lay Man Chairman and Lay Woman Chairman respectively of our Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. We also thank those assisting with mailings, phone calls, and dessert hosting.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jefferson Young, Apt. 101, 6505 Covington Rd, identified back with First Christian after being members for several years in the United Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Ohio. They are the parents of three grown sons and are currently doing custodial and emergency needs work at Colony Bay Apartments where they reside. Mildred had been active in CWF while among us in years gone by. We welcome this family back among us in Fort Wayne.

ATTENTION CHURCH BOARD:

The regular December board meeting will be held next Tuesday, December 7. Every member of the board is needed for important considerations and assignments.

PERSONAL MENTION

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THANKS:

To Steve Hall and Don Crouse for the guitar accompaniment during our November worship with our Hymn of the month, "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love".

THANKS:

To Kenneth and Ruby Edwards who have given us a beautifully bound copy of the National Geographic Society's book, "GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD". This book will be placed in the Church library.

THANKS:

To Ray Fredericks, Hendricks Love, Bob Hendricks, George Bruckman, Harold and Colyn Crowder, William Love, Max Finkhousen, Robert Johnson, and Floyd Morrical who assisted in the Thanksgiving Day Watch.

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET:

All women are invited to the CWF sponsored Mother-Daughter Christmas Banquet at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 14. The speaker will be Mrs. Lois Peterson Keller on a "Family Portrait of Christ's Birth". The Music Royal Choir of the Fort Wayne Christian Day School will sing.

Tickets are $2.35 and the deadline for reservations is December 5. Tickets may be reserved by calling Val Taylor 447-2880; Peggy Buskirk, 745-2159; or Marilyn Rayl, 747-2272. Plan now for this special Christmas Event.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday, December 12, 7:15 P.M.
Elmhurst High School Choraliers.

Friday, December 24, 7:00 P.M.
Family and Children's Christmas Eve Birthday worship.

Friday, December 24 - 11:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelighting Worship led by Pastor and assisted by College and Career young adults.

C.W.F. GROUPS:

New CWF Group will meet with Mrs. Don Morgan, 215 Rexford, Thursday, December 2, at 7:30. Worship by Mrs. Robert White. Program will include group discussion.

The Spice Group will have a carry-in luncheon at 10:00 A.M. December 8. Hostess, Mrs. Fred Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane; Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice, Worship by Mrs. Rolland Ripple

The Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd. Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30 P.M. Program by Miriam Bixenman, worship by Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

Kepple Group will meet with Mrs. Ed. Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 9:00 A.M.

YOUTH NOTES:

All Youth Groups will meet in the regular Sunday evening program from 5 to 7 P.M. this Sunday, with choirs taking one-half hour of each program. CYF will be placing the Chrismons on the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary.

THE PANTRY:

The CWF, '58 Class, and our Christian Action Department are jointly working to start an all church project to be known as "The Pantry". The purpose of this project is to have on hand at all times, good, clean, used clothing and staple foods for distribution to any family with an emergency need. Families may be referred to us by the Welfare Department or through other sources. We now need to build up our supply of both food and clothing, so that we can open officially January 1. Bring your gifts to Fellowship Hall during December and place them in the appropriate boxes that will be provided there.

Clothing sizes should be marked. Women's and children's clothing is especially needed. Food should all be of the non-perishable variety.

SECRET PLACE:

Pick up your copy of THE SECRET PLACE personal devotional guide, at the church today. The new December, January, February issue is in.

YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED to pick up Cookie tins, and assorted dishes which have been left in the kitchen. If you have missed your favorite dish or pan, please check the accumulation in the church kitchen.

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THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS CHRISTMAS Party, this Saturday, December 4, at 6:30 P.M. Reservations for the dinner are needed. Bring a $1.00 exchange gift.

FROM OUR PASTOR:

I am quite thrilled with the progress of our Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal commitments to date. We have 54 commitments totaling $40,160. Every member and friend needs to become a participant in this vital program underwriting our centennial projects and undergirding our state in capital outreach needs. We need commitments as we push on over our $60,000 goal!

This is an invitation to each one who has not made a commitment to date. YOU ARE INVITED to one of our three remaining Commitment Desserts, namely:

7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 2 in Church Parlor
7:30 P.M., Sunday, December 5 in Church Parlor
7:30 P.M., Monday, December 6 in Church Parlor.

These desserts include pie and tea or soffee ... A basic explanation by our chairman, Andy Cook ... A time for discussion and questions ... A Biblical challenge by myself ... and a personal time to make a commitment. Plan to be in one of these three groups. YOU ARE INVITED.

It is recognized that some persons cannot make the above mentioned desserts because of being out at night or because of other time commitments. If it is impossible to share on one of these nights, please come to the church parlor immediately after worship this Sunday. The parlor will be a commitment coffee time while the regular fellowship coffee is held in the fellowship hall. You see - we desire each person and family to make a commitment to our Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith.

I feel very confident that we can move far beyond our goal of $60,000 when all of our people have made their commitments. Thus, you and others who have not yet indicated a commitment, whether large or small, for this over-and-above giving for the next three years need to come forth NOW! Let us all be participants in this effort of victory and sacrificial commitment which has a strong outreach emphasis.

On the state level, our churches have accepted target goals for $1,621,000 which exceeds the $1,600,000 total goal. Other churches are still making decisions. A definite amount of $610,000 in cash and individual pledges from among our people were reported as of November 24. We rejoice that our local program is a part of a statewide effort among Disciples which is moving towards victory which has been achieved in target acceptances and which will be made full when pledges and commitments pay out the full need of finances.

Let's pray, work, and make our commitments so that we can announce a tremendous victory no later than Sunday, December 12!

Harold E. Clue

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Church
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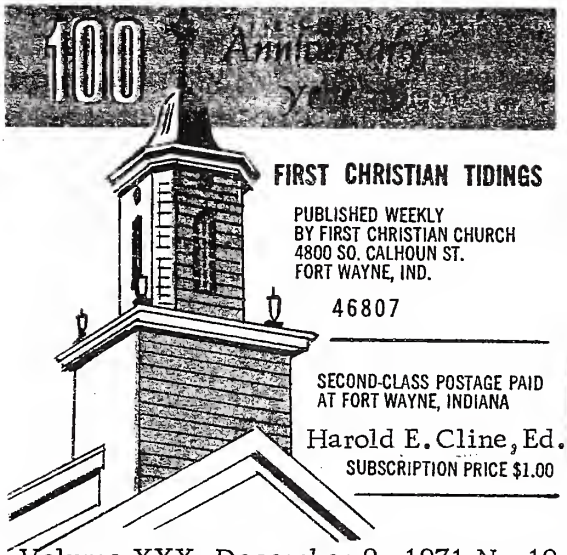

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 10
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Saturday, December 11
7:30 P.M. '58 Class at the Davis'
Sunday, December 12
9:00 A.M. Adult Discipleship Class
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "A Many-Faceted Gift"
2:30 P.M. CYF District Plan, Kendallville
5 to 7 P.M. Total Family Program
7:15 P.M. Elmhurst Choral Concert
Monday, December 13
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study group
6:30 P.M. Guild Christmas dinner
7:30 P.M. Prayer-Group at Urich's
Tuesday, December 14
6:30 P.M. CWF Mother-Daughter Banquet
Wednesday, December 15
7:00 P.M. World Outreach
Thursday, December 16
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP HYMN HERALDS SEASON

Ponder these words of our hymn of the month:

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in the world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today:
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Our lighting of our Advent Wreath in worship and our messages are to prepare us to receive and allow the Babe of Bethlehem to abide within each human life. We are concerned for the depth of being and relationship with Christ. This is crucial to full life! The sermon Sunday will be "A Many-Faceted Gift". Read Luke 2: 8-20.

The joyousness of the season will ring out on Sunday evening as we host the Elmhurst Chorale of 60 voices under the direction of Mr. Al. Schmutz. All members and friends of the church and interested persons in our community are invited! This program begins at 7:15 P.M.

The giving and sharing of the season receives special impetus with our Christmas offering for Outreach, our Card tree and our Sox and Mitten tree.

Officers Serving December 12

ELDERS: Wm. Crouse, Ray Fredericks

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier	Leon Johns
Marvin Crouse	Larry Barnes
Ronald Aker	John Hechler
Dennis Andrew	

DEACONESSES: December 12

Mrs. Wm. Love; Mrs. Hendricks Love

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RESPONSE ON DECEMBER 5, 1971

Church in Worship	306
Church's School	141
Church Budget Giving	$1446.79

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Emily Weicker is in room 615, St. Joseph for tests.

In Lutheran are Mr. Robert Sheets in 584-1; Mr. Gary Burkhart in 566-1; and Mrs. Della Scott in 869-2.

At Parkview, Leo Trim is in 403 and Mrs. Estella Winecoop, the mother of Mrs. Walter Bowen, is in 523 with a broken hip.

THANKS:

To Walter and Delores Keebortz who so beautifully refinished the desk that had been in the pastor's study. The desk is now in use in the Christian Education office.

Thanks to Lois Finkhousen, who worked with our children through grade 3 in the Sunday evening program during November.

Thanks: To our Chancel Choir and soloists for the beautiful music during our worship. We appreciate your faithfulness and efforts.

SHARING ELSEWHERE:

Mrs. Ruby Cline spoke for Woman's Day during the worship of First Christian Church, Bedford, last Sunday morning.

CWF. GAMBOE Group will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 1 P.M. with Mrs. William Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun St.

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver, and Mrs. Jack Skelton, 241E Pettit, identified with us through transfer of membership on Sunday. We welcome these stands with us in our common obedience to Christ as Lord of all life.

Jerry is head of the Math Department at Homestead high school and has helped us with his organ playing on our "Sing Out". Sandra is in the home with Eric who is 5+ and Mark who is 9 months. They transferred from First Christian in Kendallville. Both were originally from the Church of The Brethren and attended Manchester College.

Sue Skelton joins her husband within our fellowship here. She had been a member of Bible Baptist, She is a dental hygenist for Dr. Jack Boyd. Jack operates the Southtown Mall Car Wash. She was our worship assistant on Sunday morning.

We welcome these into our life of worship, fellowship and service together!

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	348
Church School	156
Budget Giving	$1761.72

ADDITIONS DURING NOVEMBER:

Bob and Betty White & son, Curt.

A. Jefferson & Mildred Young

OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR OTHERS:

A check for $650 is being sent this week. Thanks to all who shared in this special day offering.

FIVE MONTHS BUDGET GIVING:

Budget needs 22 weeks	$ 33,744.70
Actual giving 22 weeks	32,292.37
	$ 1,452.33

We whittled much off during November. Let's catch up all the way in December!

LIST OUTSTANDING LAYMEN:

Following a suggestion by a member for this Anniversary year, we would invite any person to nominate five laymen or laywomen with accompanying reasons as to how they served First Christian Church. Any person can nominate five persons and those who have been members longer than 10 years, are asked to nominate an additional five for every decade of membership. Let's learn of some of our outstanding Laymen and Laywomen of former years. Write these and submit to office or pastor. Please sign your nomination suggestions.

THE PANTRY

Gifts of food and clothing are still needed for our new project, THE PANTRY, which is aimed at giving emergency help where needed. Food gifts should especially include paper products and soap products, as these cannot be purchased on the Food Stamp Program. Other foods should be of a non-perishable kind. Please mark clothing with the size.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET:

This event sponsored by our CWF will begin promptly at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 14. "A Family Portrait of Christ's Birth is a program feature by Lois Peterson Keller. The Music Royal Choir of the Fort Wayne Christian Day School will sing.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE:

Socks and mittens may be placed on the tree in Fellowship Hall as Christmas gifts for our "other family" at the Cleveland Children's Home. Any size is acceptable. We suggest that children bring sox or mittens in their own size to provide variety, as children at the Home are all ages.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE;

Don't forget to send your one Christmas card for all your church friends, together with your gift of money saved from not buying cards and postage individually. Send the one card to the church. It will be posted on the 'Christmas Card Tree' in the Narthex and your name listed in TIDINGS so your friends will know they have received greetings from you. Money so received will be sent equally to the Cleveland Children's Home and the Emily E. Flinn Home. Those who have send cards to date include: Mrs. S.E. Merriman, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linn, and Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Parlette.

YOUTH NOTES:

All Youth groups will meet this Sunday evening from 5 to 7 P.M. with the choirs included as a regular part of this program. CYF will spend the evening making definite plans for the months of January and February and planning for the Christmas Carolling on December 19.

APPRECIATION SHARED:

May I take this belated opportunity to thank the First Christian Church for the very generous gift of my washing machine. Nothing could have needed so much as it was and is being put to very good use. There aren't enough words to express how deeply we appreciate this wonderful Christian gesture.

Jim and Connie Knight and family.

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The Fellowship Guild Christmas dinner will be held Monday, December 13, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. A Christmas Story will be given by Mrs. John Craig and the group will sing Carols.

November 24, 1971

Dear Christian Friends:

Words do not come very easy when one tries to express sincere appreciation for your most wonderful gift of $15,000. to our Emily E. Flinn 2nd floor Completion.

There was much joy in my heart when I received from your good pastor, Harold Cline, the check on November 18th as a part of your Centennial Celebration. Truly our "cup runneth over" in this ministry to the Aging when we are so wonderfully supported by the churches and those who are committed to the sharing of their blessings. Because of this expression of your Love For Christ and His children your witness through this gift has been an example of real stewardship for Others.

Please express to the whole congregation at First Christian Church of Fort Wayne our humble THANKS for this blessing that was ours to receive.

Yours in His Service,

George L. Florence

George L. Florence, Administrator

FROM THE PASTOR:

We are in the joyous Advent Season. Know that we are anxious that you gain from our worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. People are appreciating the enthusiasm and spirit of our worship as a community of faith. This Sunday night at 7:15 P.M. we have the privilege of hosting the Elmhurst High School Chorale for a special Christmas musical program. Our choir will be singing its Christmas Cantata on the morning of December 19 rather than the 26th as announced in the Advent folder. Then we are building towards two important worships on Christmas Eve at 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

The above letter by George Florence of our Flinn Home in Marion is appreciated. We are now completing our efforts to underwrite both our Centennial Projects and our share of the Indiana Appeal. As of Sunday night we had:

93 commitments totalling

$53,434.40 in pledges of which

$4,228.15 has already been received in cash.

This week we try to complete our work to receive over $60,000 in pledges. This will be accomplished if <u>all</u> will make sure that commitments are received by the church no later than Saturday, the 11th. <u>We need commitments from among our total membership.</u> Each needs to share in this effort which has a strong emphasis upon others as well as our building refurbishing. Mail or bring commitments still out to the church office by Saturday Noon!!

Harold E. Cline

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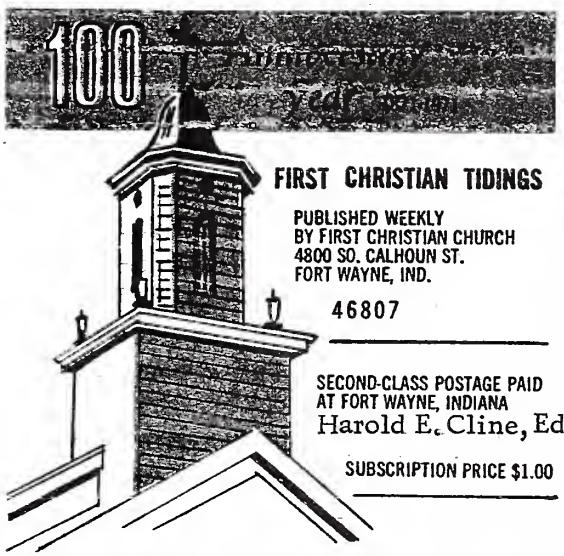

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 17
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts
Sunday, December 19
9:00 A.M. Church's School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "Willing to Receive"
5 to 7 P.M. Carolling - Total Family Program
Tuesday, December 21
7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet
Thursday, December 16
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 24-Christmas Eve.
7:00 P.M. Family and Children
11:00 Candlelight worship

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GIVE A GIFT OF MUSIC: Two excellent albums containing 17 special anthems and six solos may be purchased for Christmas gifts. They are priced at $2.95 and this includes gift wrapping. See any member of the choir for your gift album. They are immediately available. No advance orders needed.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

The movement of our worship Sunday at 10:30 A.M. will flow with the Christmas Cantata, "THIS IS NOEL" by Katherine K. Davis. Our Chancel Choir under the direction of Don Parlette and accompanied by Vee Parlette will sing and use hand bells for this music. Soloists are: Sara Davis, Natalie Urich, Janet Weicker, and Charles Newman.

Entwined with the cantata will be the children's sermonette, "A Candle of Love", the lighting of the Advent wreath, and the sermon, "WILLING TO RECEIVE". Our Christmas offering for others will be received in the special Christmas envelopes.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS - Dec. 24
7:00 Family and Children's Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship in which College and Career young adults will assist the pastor.

CAMPAIGN VICTORY ANNOUNCEMENT"

We rejoiced Sunday in the victory announcement by Chairman Andy Cook in our Combined Centennial & Indiana Appeal. We expect others to join in yet!

128 Commitments
$63,449.40 total pledged
$ 8,690.65 received to date.
20 not pledging, but responding.

We think this is a great victory for God and First Christian to surpass our $60,000 goal ! Praise God!

Officers Serving December 12

ELDERS: Hugh Rice and David Griggs

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Robert Petty
Steven Bruckman	E. M. O'Laughlin
Delmas Young	Walter Keebortz
Arthur Mowery	

DEACONESSES: Dec. 19, 26; Jan. 2.

Mrs. Robt. Rayl & Mrs. Russell Wortley

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Leo Trim expects to be released this week from Parkview.

Also in Parkview, Mrs. Opal Morris, the mother of Marilyn McDougle had surgery last week.

Sandra Burkhalter is in room 637 in Lutheran. Robert Sheets was dismissed from Lutheran and Mrs. Della Scott was moved to Moellering Unit, 102-1

Emily Weicker was released from St. Joseph.

SYMPATHY:

Is extended to Mrs. Ethel Kinzie in the death of her mother in Florida last week. Services were in town on Thursday.

THANKS: To Mrs. Beverly Hendricks who substituted for Mrs. Mary Love in Junior Disciples awhile back.

THANKS Is expressed to all who gave eggs as a part of the 103 dozen we provided the Martin Luther King Center at Thanksgiving.

THANKS: To Mr. Al Schmutz and the Elmhurst Chorale for the Christmas music on Sunday evening.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Our special Christmas offering will go toward the support of our Christian Church operated homes for the aging and for children, as well as to support the Woodhaven Learning Center for the Retarded. The operating budget of these institutions is heavily dependent on this special Christmas offering taken in our churches. Special offering envelopes were given out in Church School last Sunday or may be found in the pew racks or included in your bulletin this week goes toward this cause.

A CALL FOR PANTRY FOOD ...

Bring staple food items to fill our new pantry for sharing with others. Bring to Fellowship Hall on Christmas Sunday!

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE: This is the last Sunday for bringing socks and mittens to be hung on the tree in Fellowship Hall and sent next Monday morning to the Cleveland Home for Children as a Christmas Gift to your 'other family'. Children's classes that have socks and mittens in their rooms are asked to be sure to get them on the tree this Sunday.

YOUR CHURCH BOARD ACTING - DECEMBER 7, 1971

Andy Cook and Margaret Love made a report on the current progress of the Centennial and Indiana Appeal combined campaign among us here. (Note victory announcement on Page -1-)

The Stewardship and Finance committee reported that the new giving envelopes would be mailed to all and the usage of third class mailing for this and other items to save cost.

The Information Services committee reported the prompt response on the "I Care Calls" to deliver Centennial Books among members. "We can do!"

The Property committee announced the new custodial arrangements whereby Art Mowery is head custodian and cares for the work Monday through Friday. Rick Hendricks will be working on Saturday and doing opening and closing on Sunday.

The Worship committee announced the Elmhurst Choir on the 12th and the 7:00 and 11:00 P.M. services on Christmas Eve.

The CWF announced their banquet for the 14th and Woman's Day on the first Sunday of February.

The Scouts announced that the troop now has 12 Eagle Scouts with 1 or 2 close to this top ranking.

The Education committee thanked several; mentioned the sale of unused chairs for buying of tables, and asked for cooperation in their new people to people program.

The Pastor expressed appreciation for signs of life in the centennial celebration stewardship support, evangelism, and as a caring community. He focused upon several items for early and during 1972: 1) development of congregational purpose and goals; 2) Possible double worship format; 3) Policies and programs pointing towards church vocations; 4) Policies and education concerning Wills and Bequests; and 5) Continuance of Acquaintance and Sharing groups at the Cline home.

Present were: G.Bruckman, A.Cook, R.Church, W.Caldwell, R.Rayl, K.Edwards; T.Bryan, R.Fredericks, J.Ruble, D.Smith, B.Taylor, D.Griggs, M. Rice, E.Plummer, B.Leversee, W.Crouse, B.Ludwig, D. Young, A.Mowery, J.Sauerwein, T.Frappier, R.Aker, W.Keebortz, H.Love, and M.Finkhousen. S.Ludwig, R.Plummer, Margaret Love, L.Finkhousen, E.Conrad, N.Wortley, V.Bruckman, Mary Love, W.Glass, H.Rice, E.VAught, R.Cole, W.Birkhold M.Binxeman, H.Cline.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will finish work on their Christmas projects and take them home Sunday evening. We will go Christmas Caroling walking in the neighborhood of the church. These boys and girls may be picked up at the usual 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Remember to bring an exchange gift, not over 75¢.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE: Be sure to bring or send your one Christmas Card for Church friends to the church as soon as possible, together with a gift of money from that saved by not sending individual Christmas cards to each of your friends in the church. These cards are being hung on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex and names listed in TIDINGS so that friends may know that they have received greetings from you. Those who have shared in this project since last week include: Mr. & Mrs. George Warren, Mrs. Monette Wetzel and Patty; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hetrick, the Ben Taylor Family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. & Mrs Vaughn Brickley, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman, Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, Mrs. Ernest Tatman, Mrs. C. E. Merryman, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby, the Robert Rayl Family, the Mel Evans family, Mrs. E. Campbell, Mrs. John Hoop, Mr. & Mrs. Terry King, Jr. Proceeds from this project go to the Emily Flinn Home and the Cleveland Home.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: CYF and CHI RHO will each spend the entire 2 hours from 5 to 7 this Sunday Christian Caroling. Each group will visit a number of homes. If you would especially like a group to come to your home, please call Mrs. Bixenman at the church. CYF will have a party following the caroling at the home of Miriam Bixenman. 1810 Chartwell, and Chi Rho will have a party at the home of Cindy Bryan, 7135 Denise Dr. Chi Rhoers may be picked up at the Bryans at 9:00 if they live North. or at the church between 9 and 9:15 if they live South. Please make sure your Chi Rhoer know where you plan to pick them up and please do not wait for them to call you.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Thank you for rising up to the challenge of the Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal for a Response in Faith. Even though we have surpassed our goal of $60,000 additional funds are needed and can be used. Others are invited to join with those whose commitments are made. Our giving envelopes beginning in January of 1972 will have a place to mark Appeal gifts enclosed as well as budget gifts. If you give for the Appeal before January, be sure to mark that which is for the Appeal.

The October and November issues of the Reader's Digest used misinformation and cast unfortunate accusations on the World Council of Churches. A corrective article will not appear in this magazine until spring. A letter and corrective information is available for study in the Narthex. Find out the truth about this vital arm of the church! Let's build and not detract from the work of Christ in the world!

Come and bring others with you so we may have over 400 in our Christmas Sunday Worship hour!

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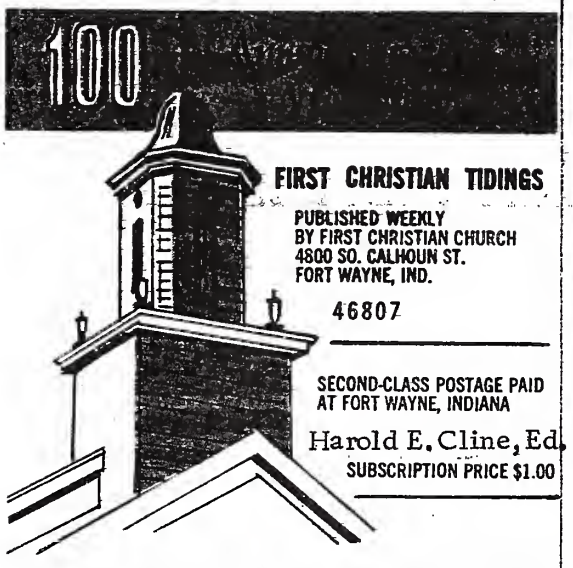

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
7:00 P.M. Family and Children
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Worship
Sunday, December 26
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "Allowing To Abide"
No Evening Meetings tonight
Wednesday, December 29
8:00 P.M. College and Career youth at 5705 Fernwood Ave.
Thursday, December 30
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho Sponsors meeting at 1810 Chartwell Drive
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 31, New Years Eve.
New Year's Eve Party for CYF

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS OFFERING

$646.08 was received through last Sunday. Others will want to share this coming Sunday for support of our benevolent homes for children and the aging.

CHRISTMAS EVE BIRTHDAY WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M. Friday 24th.

This service is especially designed for children and families. It will close with sharing in a birthday cake celebration. The children's Choir led by Natalie Urich will sing.
Becky Buskirk will be a soloist.
Dr. Cline will be assisted by Mrs. Miriam E. Bixenman, our Minister of Education.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 11:00 P.M. Friday, 24th

Carols, Scriptures, Readings and a climaxing candlelighting service will highlight this worship. The Youth Choir led by Natalie Urich and the Chancel Choir led by Don Parlette will sing. College and Career Young Adults will assist the Pastor with the service.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 26
10:30 A.M. - Sunday 26th

Our church orchestra led by Don Parlette will be playing before, during and after this holiday worship hour.
Children's Sermonette: "Unexpected Gifts"; Sermon, "Allowing to Abide"

Officers Serving December 26

ELDERS: Robert Rayl; Alfred Schell

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks — Donald Pomeroy
Dempsey Weaver — Herbert Banet
Jack Sauerwein — Orie McDougle
Homer Stevenson

DEACONESSES: Dec. 26; Jan. 2

Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Russell Wortley

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RESPONSE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1971

Church in Worship	316
Church School	151
Church Budget Giving	$ 1624.92

RESPONSE ON DECEMBER 12, 1971

Church in Worship	362
Church School	169
Church Budget Giving	$ 1888.20

RESPONSE ON DECEMBER 19, 1971

Church in Worship	366
Church School	155
Church Budget Giving	$ 2760.55

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: C. Michael Byers, entered and was dismissed since last week. Mrs. Evelyn Yeoman is in 495 following surgery on 12/17; Mrs. Zoa Jordan is having minor surgery on 12/21; She is in 489; Max Geiselman entered 406 on 12/20; Mrs. Della Scott continues in M-102; Mrs. Sandra Burkhalter expects to be released this week from 627.

Veteran's Hospital: Mr. Vernon Burns, father of Mrs. Belva Burkett and Mrs. Joan Penny is recuperating from surgery.

INFORMED BUT OMITTED:

David Hall is in IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis and Steve Hall is a sophomore at Iu here in Fort Wayne. Sorry to be late!

In Parkview: Mrs. Leah Hayes, the mother of Sara Davis is in room 428, Parkview.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

We rejoice in those who have sent cards for inclusion on our Christmas card tree. Their contribution is in lieu of sending cards throughout our church family. Look over the many delightful cards on our tree in the Narthex. Sense that each of you have received such a greeting from the following, as well as those listed previously:

Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Elna Taylor, Mrs. Iva Imbody, Mr. & Mrs. James Goins, Mrs. Mary Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mrs. A. N. Shockney, Mrs. K. Gail Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mr. & Mrs. Bethel Breeden, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donohue, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Moore, Mrs. Ina Smith, the Hendricks Love Family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hunt, Mrs. Delores Overmyer, the Jack Weicker Family, Mrs. M. Bixenman, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. DeVinney, Mr. & Mrs Harold Nordblom, the Ted Bryan family, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mrs. Lona Miller, the Harold E. Cline Family, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Aker, the Robert Hendricks family, Mr. & M Mrs. Bert Leversee, Mrs. Grant Woodward , Mr. Gus. Mueller, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Crowder, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Flowers Miss Anita Fitch, the Thomas Frappier Family, Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Chevalier, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. & Mrs. R. Myrl Beachley Family, Mr. & Mrs. Louis M. Culbertson.

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APPRECIATION - to all friends in the church who through pleasant association and your cooperation have made this past year a happy one; my best wishes for you at Christmas and the New Year!

... Edna Vaught

YOUTH NOTES

For the next two Sundays, December 26 and January 2, there will be no regular meetings for any of the three groups:CYF Chi Rho or Junior Disciples. However, on January 2, a group of our CYFers will go to North Christian Church to meet with North and West Creighton youth to finalize plans for the District I Midwinter Youth Meet in Elkhart on January 22 and 23.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: CYF will have a New Year's Eve Party at the Church. The party will begin at 10:00 p.m. but those who have to work may come any time up to 12:00, or by special arrangement, later. Bring records, table games, or anything of the like you wish. Let Mrs. Keebortz (745-3789) or, Mrs. Bixenman know by Thursday noon if you plan to come.

CHI RHO EVENING SPONSORS

Those who sponsor or work with the evening Chi Rho group are asked to attend a discussion and planning meeting at the home of Miriam Bixenman , 1810 Chartwell Dr. at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 30.

NEW ADULT CLASS FORMING ...

A new class for adults will be formed, beginning January 9. This class is especially for younger adults not now enrolled in an existing class. Watch the next two issues of TIDINGS for full details.

SOCKS AND MITTENS

18 pairs of socks and 24 pairs of mittens are being sent to the Cleveland Children Home on Monday of this week. Thanks for the response!

COLLEGE & CAREER YOUNG ADULTS:

You are invited to the Cline home, 5705 Fernwood, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29. Bring guitars and come for an informal evening! Sing - Talk - Eat - Share - Enjoy!

COMING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES:

Dr. Cline completed his first Adult series on December 12th. The next series for the eight weeks during Church for high school, and college youth and adults will begin on January 9. Contact him if you are interested in participating.

This series looks at basic issues of why religion, getting hold of the Bible, the centrality of Christ, the church and our church, what is a Christian, establishing the Christian relationship, worship and communion, and effective church life. It is open for members, propsective members and couples seeking to understand a commo n faith. The group is limited to about 12.

Contact him now to participate in the next Adult Discipleship series -- January through February 27, 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

A Youth Discipleship Class for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will run for 8 Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 February 5 through March 25. Fifth graders may attend by special permision.

CENTENNIAL BOOKS

We have tried to make a full distribution to all resident members. If any resident or non-resident member home has not received a book, contact the church office. They are free. We desire that people have them rather than stacked up in the office. Call us if you want one!

COMBINED CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL REPORT:

An added joy has come with the realization that our exceeding our $60,000 goal is a first in finances within First Christian. According to long-time leaders, such a victory is unprecedented within this congregation. Congratulations to all!

Final response through mail from resident and non-resident members is expected this week. A full-report is planned for the next issue of Tidings! Our present standing is:

132 pledges totalling $63,781.40

$10,716.65 received to date, 16.8% of total.

We would like to thank the following members who gave such great support and help throughout the Centennial Appeal.

To - Dr. Harold E. Cline for his inspiration, guidance and factual information in answer to all questions;

To - Edna Vaught for her dedication to the endless hours of typing and mimeographing AND for letting us use her desk!

To - Penny Beachley and Judy Church for addressing and mailing the letters to the congregation.

To - Sue Allen, Judy Church, Ginny and George Bruckman for helping bake and serve pies for the desserts.

To - All those who phoned and phoned and phoned arranging attendance at the desserts: Judy Aker, Judy Church, Ginny Bruckman, George Bruckman, Marilyn Rayl, Mary Sue Ludwig, Colyn Crowder, Sharon Fredericks, Ray Fredericks, Margaret Jenkins, Betty Grimm, Ruth Ogles, Gwynth Rice, Hugh Rice, Nila Schilling, Helen Williams, Dawn Warren, Jenny Morrical.

To - Ginny and Julie Cook who were most understanding about my absence from home so frequently, and,

To - Bill Love, also, understanding as well as helpful in any odd jobs needing to be done at home or for the Appeal.

It was a group effort and we share with all of you the victory!

Margaret Love, Laywoman Chairman, Andy Cook, Layman, Chrm.

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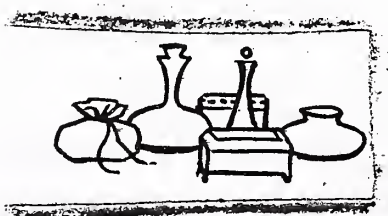
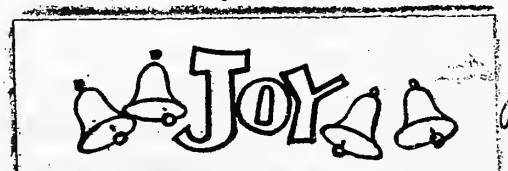


May the love, joy, peace, and good will of Christmastime extend through the New Year to you!



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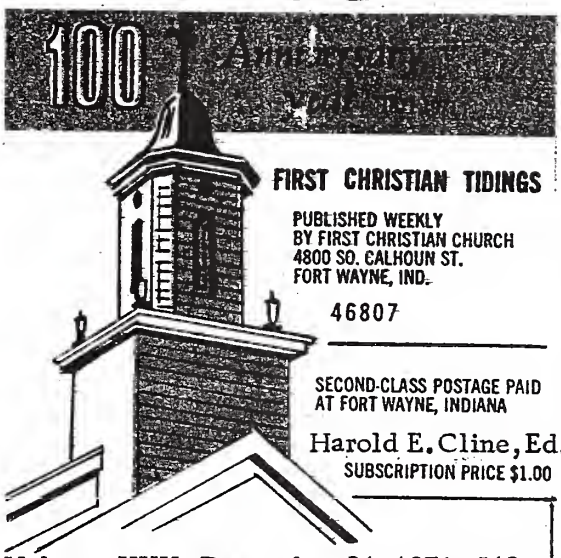

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 31
10:00 P.M. CYF New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, January 2, 1972
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "FINDING A PERSON AND A RELATIONSHIP" Luke 6: 12-19
No Evening Meetings
5:00 P.M. CYF meet in lot to go on to North Christian Church

Tuesday, January 4
8:00 P.M. Church Board
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group with Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Dr.

Wednesday, January 5
9:00 A.M. Spice Group with Mrs. C.H. Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol

Thursday, January 6
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group will meet.

Saturday, January 8
2:00 P.M. Wilhelm-Dickey wedding

MEET JESUS IN WORSHIP

Preaching is to communicate the Gospel through personality. The Christian Gospel or Good news is the person Jesus Christ. The focus of our worship from Christmas to Easter is going to be on the person of Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life". The sermons will be dealing with Jesus in relation to ourselves.

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS give the basis for the opening sermons of the new year of 1972. Ponder these texts in preparation:

January 2 - "FINDING A PERSON AND A RELATIONSHIP - Luke 6:12-19
January 9 - "THE SECOND EFFORT" - Luke 5: 1-11
January 16 - "FINDING HIS STRENGTH Mark 2: 1-12
January 23 - "FREE TO LOVE" - Luke 6: 36-50
January 30 - "WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?" - John 6: 1-14;Exodus 4:2
February 6 - WOMAN'S DAY - "A TIME TO LISTEN . . A TIME TO ACT" Matthew 17:4-8; Acts 4:13-20; Psalms 116:1, 2; Matthew 20: 30-34; Acts 16:9, 10; Esther 4:13-16
February 13 - "THE STRUGGLE OF DECISION" - Matthew 4: 1-11

JANUARY HYMN OF MONTH:

"O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee:
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity,
To make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,
To stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed."

Officers Serving January 2, 1972

ELDERS: George Bruckman; Jack Weicker

DEACONS:

Merle Rice	Max Finkhousen
LeRoy Timbrook	Paul Yentes
Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES: January 2

Mrs. Robert Rayl; Mrs. Russell Wortley

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RESPONSE ON DECEMBER 26, 1971

Church in Worship	258
Church School	108
Church Budget Giving	$ 1111.07

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran : Mrs. Zoa Jordan, continues in room 496 and Mrs. Della Scott in M-102

Parkview: Mrs. Ella Maxwell in 421; Mrs. Leah Hayes, mother of Sara Davis in 428; and Ginney Rogers in 411.

V.A.: Mr. Vernon Burns on 5 East.

St. Joseph: Vickie Imler in 623 and Mrs. Edna Campbell in 709

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to Stephen and Joan (Johnston) Ott in the birth of a daughter Tammy Ann on 12/20/71

Congratulations to James and Patricia Stevens on the birth of a daughter, Holly Lynn on 12/26/71

ACOLYTES FOR WORSHIP

Mark Rayl and Barbara Finkhousen served during December, and Jeff Bryan and Bill Schilling are serving through January

THANKS: Mrs. Sarak Likens gives a personal word of thanks for the fruit basket brought her and for the CYF carolers.

PERSONAL MENTION (continued)

THANKS to our choirs and musicians for the dedicated support and leadership during our Christmas season. We were impressed with the choir turn out on Christmas Eve. We thank our singers and instrumentalists for their musical contribution to our church.

THANKS : to Bette Gerrard, Becky and Peggy Buskirk, Barbara Taylor, Kathy Bryan, Mary Jenkins, Bob, Bev, Julie and Carolyn Hendricks, Marilyn and Mark Rayl, and Chad and Carol Cline for help in preparing the 1972 giving envelopes for mailing.

NEW TEACHERS: Because of the new daily job of Don Morgan, Ray Fredericks, and Tom Frappier have become co-teachers of the Church School class for ninth and tenth graders. The pastor enjoyed a special sharing with the group last Sunday.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

Mrs. Myrtle DeVinney, a Member, came forward Sunday to express a recommitment of life to Christ.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING:

All are cordially invited to the wedding and reception of Jolene Wilhelm and Dan Alan Dickey at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 8 in our worship nave.

REMINDER TO ELDERS:

Those who serve on Sunday are to serve as greeters at the rear north and south doors after worship. The alternates are to be greeters after worship at the north and south doors at the front of the nave.

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HOMEBOUND MEALS: This organization is doing an important work for people who are unable to cook for themselves. Meals are prepared in hospitals and taken to the home of the invalid. Volunteers are needed for this service.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE - Doners since last week's listing:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Broom, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gerow, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Allen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William E. Franklin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Miss Becky Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mowery, Mrs. Gene Shirley and Jim. the Robert Urich family.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Group will meet with Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Drive, Tuesday, January 4, at 9:00 A.M.

The Spice Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol Wednesday, January 5, at 9:00 A.M.

The Higdon Group will meet January 6 at 7:45 P.M.

1972 GIVING ENVELOPES:

Our new sets were mailed early this week so that all should have them for usage this Sunday. It makes easier accounting and record keeping if these will be used, and the amount noted on the front. Notice that the amount for the Centennial and Indiana Appeal is to be noted where the address was formerly listed. Write in what you intend for both budget giving and for the Appeal giving. This will aid our records. There is no need for a writing in of an address unless it is a notification of a new address -- if so write on the back and mark this information.

CALL FOR HYMNALS:

We are short hymnals in our worship nave; If you know of any which have wandered to homes or to nooks and crannies of our building, will you return them to the nave or chapel!

PANTRY GIVES CHRISTMAS HELP

Even before our Pantry officially opens in January, we were able to help three families at Christmas with food clothing and toys for children. Fresh food was purchased with money that had been given.

Remember, the PANTRY is a continuing year round project, so your continued gifts of non-perishable foods, clothing and small amounts of money are needed to keep the supply up.

The PANTRY committee will meet Monday evening, January 10 at 7:15. in the new adult classroom for evaluation and inventory of our progress so far and at 8:00 the same evening again with Mr. Smith and several others from the welfare department. Your attendance is important.

CYF NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Our CYFers are reminded to be at the New Year's Eve party between 10:00 and midnight unless you have to work and have made a previous arrangement with Mrs. Bixenman. Bring records and table games.

CYF TO NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our CYFers will meet on our parking lot this Sunday, January 2, to go to North Christian to plan full details for the program for the Midwinter Youth Meet at Elkhart, January 22 & 23.

Meet here at 5:00 to be at North at 5:30.

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It is wonderful to see our young people as interested and as aware as they are today. They are truly concerned and are searching for answers to our problems.

-- John Wooden in February World Call

FROM THE PASTOR:

Thank you, thank you for the responsiveness in these opening months with you, for the Centennial celebration, for the victorious Centennial and Indiana Appeal, and for the rich and joyous Christmas season. It is good to be sharing with you!

To all of you who read this, I want to extend a personal and warm invitation that you begin sharing with us on Sunday morning if it is physically possible. A surge of life and meaning, a concern and friendliness, an attempt to open communication through dialogue, and other signs are appearing among us. To have seen new faces and a determination that we want to open the doors so that God can give his growth through us. Come and join in the life of First Christian. We invite you to make a new start in 1972.

Much serious discussion, planning, and work are ahead in certain groups with assigned responsibilities.

8:00 Tuesday, the 4th, Church Board -- Reports and motions on new south door and communication center board.

7:30, Tuesday, the 11th - Joint meeting of Trustees and Finance Committee on Wills, Trusts, Memorials, Bequests. To develop policies and program.

7:30 Thursday, the 16th -- joint Education and World Outreach meeting to work on Church vocation - policies and program

7:30, Monday, the 17th - Evangelism meeting with special interpretation of Lay Witness Missions

7:30 Tuesday, the 18th - Elders meet for various business items and preparation for retreat on Saturday, February 12.

7:30 Thursday, the 20th, Special committee of Elders, Worship and Education to discuss Sunday morning format and schedule.

After a two week lay off for the holidays, our full Sunday Evening program from 5:00 to 7:00 each week begins on the ninth. The adults will begin a study of the book of Philippians during January and on Genesis 1-3 for the first two weeks of February. This Bible study will include a presentation, small group encounter, and discussion led by myself. The youth have both youth meetings and choir rehearsals. Our youth and children's choir will begin singing at regular intervals on Sunday morning

During Church School on the 9th, I will begin my second Discipleship class series for couples in the 20's will begin.

Finally, ladies will be calling again to invite others to the Acquaintance and Sharing groups in my home. 76 participated in these groups from October 24 through December 19. I am anxious that all members take advantage of one of these invitations which will eventually come to you to participate. If you cannot schedule it when called the first time, please indicate your willingness to be invited at another time. Each of the nine groups to date have different and yet quite enriching in various ways.

See you Sunday as we begin 1972! Harold E. Cline

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